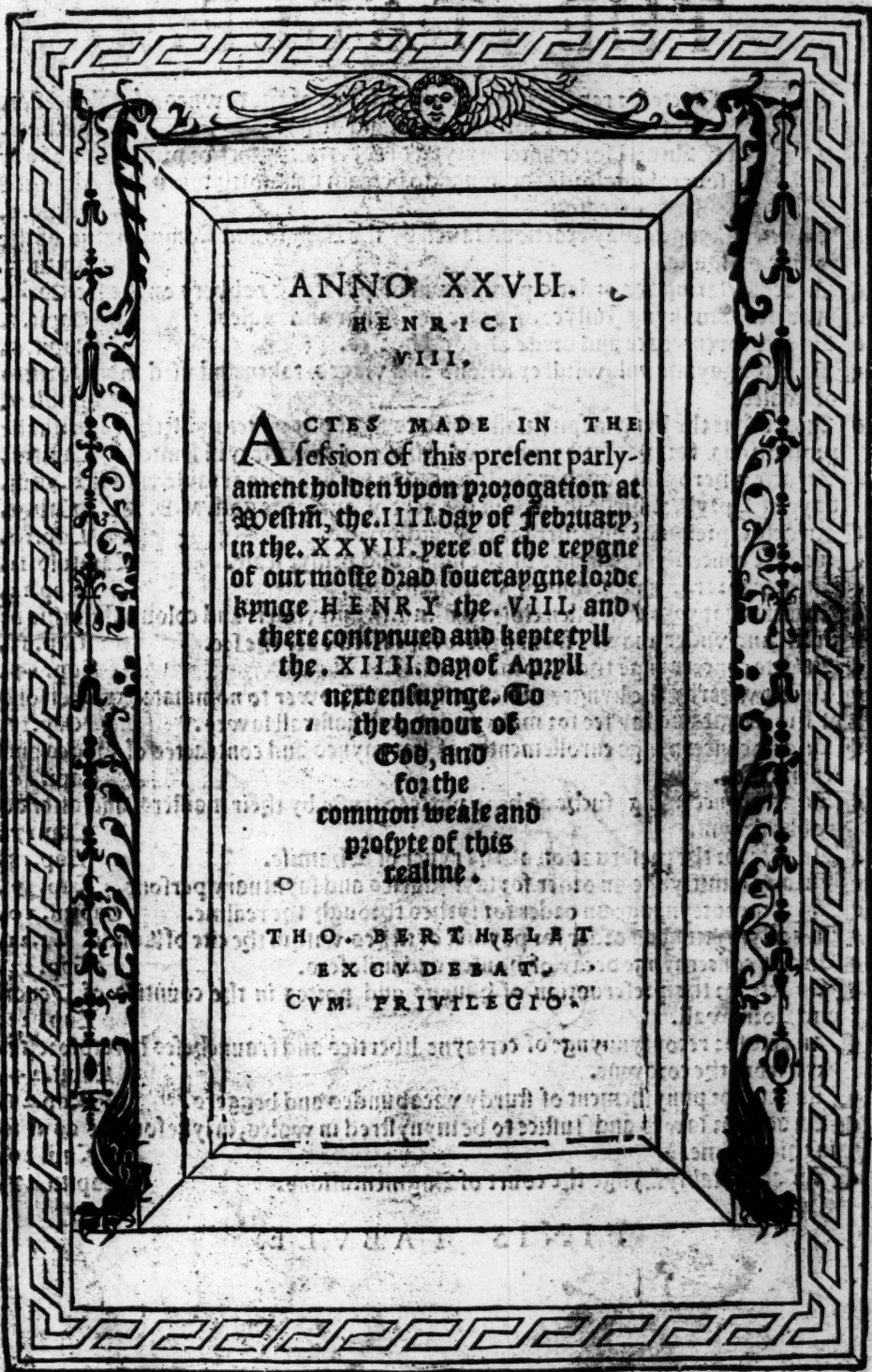


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**A**CTES MADE IN THE  
session of this present parly-  
ament holden upon prorogation at  
Westm, the. IIII day of february,  
in the. XXVII. yere of the reygne  
of our moste dyad soueraygne lorde  
kyng HENRY the. VIII. and  
there continued and kepte tyll  
the. XIII. day of Aprill  
next ensuyng. To  
the honour of  
God, and  
for the  
common weale and  
prosperite of this  
realme.

THO. BERTHELET

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¶ So moche as byuers and many houses mesuages, & tenementes of habitacions in the townes of Northyngham, Shyewesbury, Ludlowe, Bridgenorth, Quinborowe, Northampton, and Gloucester, now are, and of longe tyme haue benne in greate ruine and decay, and specially in the principalle and chiefe stretes there beinge, in the whiche chiefe stretes in tymes passed haue ben beautyfull dwellynge houses, there welle inhabited, whiche at this day moche part therof is desolate, and voyde grondes, with pyttes, sellers, and baultes, lyenge open and vncouered, very perillous for people to go by in the nyght without leoperdye of lyfe: whiche decayes are to the great impouerishynge and hinderauce of the same townes. For the remedy wherof it may please the kynge our souerayne lord, by thassente of his lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the comons in this presente parlyament assembled, and by the auctorite of the same, it may be enacted, that if the owner or owners of any suche voyde and decayed houses or groundes, within the precinct of the sayd townes of Northyngham, Shyewesbury, Ludlowe, Gloucester, Bridgenorth, Quynborowe, and Northampton, within iii. yerres nexte after proclamation therof be made by the mayres, sheryffes, and bayliffes of any of the sayde townes, by what name or names soo euer they be incorporated, in and vppon any suche vacande or decayed howses and groundes in any suche towne, as is aforesyde, and accordynge to this acte do not entre and sufficiently reedifie and buylde the same decayed houses or voyde groundes: that then it shall be lesfull to the lord, of whom such vacande groundes or decayed houses ben or shalbe holden, to entre immediately after the sayd. iii. yerres expired, and to haue the same groundes to them and their heires or successours for euer. So that the sayde lordes do sufficiently reedifie and buylde the same vacant or voyde groundes, wherein he or they may entre by this acte, within thye yerres next and immediately folowing the determination of the former. iii. yerres, in the which the owners ought to haue entred reedified and buylded the same, by vertue of this acte. And yf suche lordes as may entre by this acte do not entre, and well and sufficiently reedifie and buylde the same voyde and decayed howses and groundes, in their sayd. iii. yerres to them lymitted by this acte: that then it shalbe lesfull to the mayres, sheryffes, bayliffes, and commynalte of the sayde towne, by what name or names soo euer they be incorporated, and their successours for the tyme beinge immediately after the sayd. iii. yerres expired, to entre into every suche voyde or decayed groundes or houses, and the same groundes or ground to holde and retyne without interruption to them and their successours for euer, clerely discharged of all rentes goynge out of the same, as well ayenst the lord or lordes, of whom suche grounde or groundes be holden, as all other, so that alwayes the same mayres, sheryffes, bayliffes, or

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comminaltie oꝝ their successours foꝝ the tyme beinge, do wel and sufficiently reedifie and buylde the same grounde oꝝ groundes, wherein they maye so entre by this act, within thye yerres next & immediatly folowing the determination of the foꝝmer thye yerres, in the whiche the aforesayd lordes, of whom suche ground oꝝ groundes were holde, shulde oꝝ ought to haue entred reedified & buylde the same. And in case the sayd maires shereffes bailiffes & cominalte oꝝ their successours foꝝ the tyme beinge, do not entre and sufficiently reedifie & buylde the same boyde oꝝ decayed houses oꝝ groundes, in foꝝme aforesayd, within the said terme of thye yerres, according to this act: that the it shal be lesful to the first owner & owners of such decayed & boyd groundes, their heires oꝝ successours immediatly after the same. iiii. yerres expired, in to the same ground & groundes to reentre, & them to reteine to them their heires oꝝ successours, as in their firste estate, any thyng in this act to the contrary notwithstanding.

**P**rouided alwayes that this act noꝝ any thyng therein conterned, be in any wise prejudiciall oꝝ hurtfull to any person oꝝ personnes beinge at the tyme of the sayde proclamation made vnder the age of one and twentie yerres, oꝝ to any woman couerte baron, oꝝ any person oꝝ personnes beinge in prison oꝝ beyonde the see in the kynges warres oꝝ his other lawfull affayres, duringe suche tyme as suche person oꝝ persones shalbe within age, couert baron, in prison, oꝝ beyonde the see, so that the same personne oꝝ personnes after he oꝝ they be come to full age, oꝝ beyng not couerte baron, out of prison, & come agayne within this reame, within thye yerres next ensuyng do reedifie the same houses so decayed.

**A**n acte foꝝ counterfaytynge of the sogue, sygnet, oꝝ priuie seale of our souerayne lord the kyng, to be from hencefoꝝth taken and ad-  
iudged byghe treason. Ca. ii.



**P**as much as by the lawes of this realme smal punishment hath ben hitherto prouyded foꝝ foꝝgynge and counterfaytynge of the kynges signe manuell, oꝝ priuie signet, By reason wherof diuers lyght & euyl disposed persones now of late haue taken the moꝝe boldnes & courage to committe suche offences; to the great audacitie and boldenes of suche lyke offenders. Foꝝ remedy wherof, be it enacted by auctorite of this present parlyament; that if any persone oꝝ persones at any tyme hereafter falsely forge and counterfayte the kynges signe manuell, priuie signet, oꝝ priuie seale, that then every suche offence shalbe demed and adiudged byghe treason, and the offenders therein, their counsailors, procu- rours, aydoers and abettours, being convicted of any suche offence according to the lawes of this realme, shall be demed & adiudged traytours against the kyng and the realme, and shall suffer and haue suche paynes of death, foꝝ- capture of londes goodes and cattal, and also lose the priuilege of all sayn- tuaries, as in cases of byghe treason it is ordeyned.



An acte takynge away exactions taken by the Mayre, and commynaltie  
of the towne of Hulle. Capitulo. iiii.



Here vpon complaynt made in this present parlyament by  
the kynges pooze subiectes, and namely the pooze fysher-  
men, inhabitinge vppon the costes of the See, within the  
counties of Nozff. and Suff. whiche vse comenly to con-  
ducte and conuey their hearynge sprottes and other fysh  
to the towne of kyngston vpon Hulle, there to be vttered  
and solde to other the kynges subiectes, wplynge to bye  
the same: It doth euydently and playnely appere, that suche greate and in-  
tollerable exactions, customes, and tolles be demaunded leuyed and taken  
of them for theyr sayde hearynge and other fysh, by the rulers and officers  
of the sayd towne, that onles som spedy remedy be for them prouided in that  
behalfe, a great noubre of them shall be driuen of necessitie to absent them  
selves from their sayde markette of olde tyme continewed and holden at the  
sayde towne, where most comonly afore tyme a great noubre of the kynges  
subiectes, and namely of the nozthe parties of this realme, haue bled to  
prouyde theym selfe of their hearynge and fysh: whiche fynallye shall be  
not onely the vtter impouerishing and vndoynge of the sayde pooze fysher-  
men inhabytyng within the sayde counties of Nozff. and Suff. but also a  
great incumberance to al suche the kynges subiectes of the sayd nozth parties,  
as afore tyme comonly haue bled to prouide theyr hearynge and fysh at the  
sayde towne, for the mayntenance of theyr householde: For the spedy refoz-  
mation wherof, be it enacted by auctoritie of this present parlyament, that  
the mayre of the sayd towne of kyngston vppon Hull, and his successours, &  
all other officers and ministers of and within the same towne, shall frome  
hensforth permytte and suffre all thynhabitanes of the sayde counties of  
Nozff. and Suff. or from any other places thither repayringe with vitayle,  
at all tymes for euermore betwene the feaste of all sayntes and Channunci-  
ation of our Lady, lyberally and freely without interruption or impediment  
to conducte and bynge theyr sayde hearynges and other fysh to the sayde  
towne, and there to vtter and sel the same as wel by water as by lande, by re-  
taile or in grosse, to whom so euer and whan so euer within the same time be-  
foze expressed, they or any of them shall thinke moste expedient for their owne  
profyte and commodytie, without any maner of tolle custome, imposition,  
or other exaction or charge to be demanded, leuyed, or taken of the sel-  
ler or byer of the same by the said mayre, or any other offycer or mynister of or  
within the sayd towne or port of the same, for the sayd hearyng or other fysh,  
or for the shyppes or other vessayles, wherein the same hearyng or fysh, shal  
so be brought or conducted, except onely suche somes of money, as hereafter  
ensueith, that is to say, of euery shyppe thither repayrynge with hearynges  
or other fysh, as is afore sayde, beinge of the burden of .xx. tunne, or vnder  
and not aboue, fyue shyllinges: And of euery shyppe thither repayrynges  
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with hearpynges oꝛ other fyſhe, beinge aboue the ful burthen of. xx. tunne, ſix ſhyllpynges. viii. d. and not aboue. And that the ſayd mayꝛe, and al other of-  
fycers and myniſters of oꝛ within the ſayd towne and liberties of the ſame,  
foꝛ the tyme beinge, ſhall from hencefoꝛthe welles and fauourably oꝛder and  
intreate the ſayd inhabytauntes of Suſ. and Hoſ. and all other as is afore-  
ſayde, repayꝛyng to the ſayd towne with hearpyng fyſhe oꝛ other bytapes  
as is befoꝛe expꝛeſſed, without any extreme oꝛ vnlawful ſerchpyng vlewpyng  
oꝛ ſettyng of vnrreaſonable pꝛices of the ſayde hearpyng fyſhe oꝛ other by-  
tapes: And without fruſtrate oꝛ wylful delay oꝛ tractpyng of tyme in the ſaid  
vlewpyng ſerchpyng oꝛ ſettyng of the ſame pꝛices, oꝛ any other maner of fa-  
tigation oꝛ wꝛongfull vexation: but ſhal oꝛder vſe and intreate the ſame in-  
habytauntes diſcretely and charitably in euery behalfe as they ought to be.  
And in caſe the ſayde mayꝛe foꝛ the tyme beinge, oꝛ any other officer oꝛ mini-  
ſter of oꝛ within the ſayde towne oꝛ lybertie of the ſame, do hereafter foꝛ any  
cauſe befoꝛe expꝛeſſed, exacte, leuie, oꝛ take of any of the ſayde inhabytaun-  
tes, oꝛ any other the kynges ſubiectes, any moꝛe oꝛ greater ſomes than is  
befoꝛe mentioned, oꝛ do in any maner of wyſe offende hereafter in any other  
article oꝛ poynt conteyned in this pꝛeſent acte, contrary to the true meaynyng  
tenour and effecte of the ſame, that then vpon complaynte therof made by  
the party gꝛeued in that behalfe, vnto the loꝛde Chauncellour of Englande,  
loꝛde Treasourer, loꝛde pꝛeſydent, and other the loꝛdes of the kynges moſt  
honoꝛable counſayle, foꝛ the tyme beinge, it ſhall oꝛ maye appere to them, oꝛ  
to. iiii. of theſem at the leaſte, wherof the ſayde loꝛde chauncellour to be one,  
that the ſayde mayꝛe other officer oꝛ miniſter of oꝛ within the ſayde towne  
oꝛ lyberties of the ſame, hath ſo offended in any article oꝛ poynt befoꝛe expꝛeſ-  
ſed, contrary to the ſourthe and effecte of this pꝛeſent acte, and ſo adiudged  
and decreed by the ſayde loꝛdes, oꝛ by thꝛee of theſem at the leaſte, wherof the  
ſayde loꝛde Chauncellour to be one, that then the ſayde mayꝛe officer oꝛ o-  
ther miniſter ſo offendyng, ſhal loſe and foꝛſayte foꝛ euery ſuch offence. xx. li.  
wherof the one halfe to be to our ſayde ſoueraigne loꝛde the kyng and his  
heꝛes, and thother halfe to the ſayd party gꝛeued that ſhal oꝛ wil ſue foꝛ the  
ſame by action of dette byl playnt oꝛ infoꝛmation in any of the kynges cour-  
tes, wherin no wager of lawe elloyne oꝛ pꝛotection ſhal be allowed: And the  
ſame ſute to be taken commenced and tꝛied within any ſhire of this realme,  
at the pleaſure of hym that ſhal purſewe the ſame, any foꝛeyne pꝛee oꝛ other  
matter to the contrary therof in any wyſe not withſtandpyng.

**E** Doubted that no maner perſon oꝛ perſons, other than ſuche as ben free  
burgheſſes of the ſayde towne of Hulle, ſhall at any tyme hereafter, by acto-  
rytie of this acte, ſell within the ſame towne any fyſhe oꝛ hearpyng in ſmall  
and lyttel noubꝛes and peces by retayle, but may and ſhall ſelle ſaltfyſhe  
haberden oꝛ ſtockefiſhe by the hundred halfe hundred quartern oꝛ half quar-  
terne of any of them, and whyte hearpyng by the barell, half barell, oꝛ by ſpy-  
kyn at the leaſt, and redde hearpyng and ſpyottes by the cade, this acte oꝛ any  
thyng therin expꝛeſſed to the contrary not withſtandpyng.



**An acte declarynge the order and punyshement of pyrates and robbers on the see. cap. iiii.**



Here pyrottes, theues, robbers, and murtherers vppon the see many tymes escape vnpunished, bycause the tpyal of their offences hath heretofore be ordered befoze the admyral oꝝ his lieutenant oꝝ commissary after the course of the ciuile lawes, the nature wherof is, that befoze any iugement of deathe can be gyuen agaynst the offenders, eyther they muste playnely confesse theyꝝ offences (whiche they wyll neuer doo without torture, oꝝ paynes) oꝝ elles theyꝝ offences be so playnly and directly pꝛoued by witnesses in different, suche as sawe their offences commytted, whiche can not be goten but by chaunce at fewe tymes, bycause such offenders committe their offences vppon the see, and at many tymes murder and kyll suche persons beinge in the shyppe oꝝ bote where they committe theyꝝ offences, whiche shuld bere witness aysnt them in that behalfe: and also suche as shulde beare wytnes be commonly mariners and shypmen, whiche foꝝ the most parte can not be gotten ne had alwayes redy to testefie suche offences, bycause of their often viages and passages in the sees without long tarieng & pꝛotraction of time, and greatte costes and charges as well of the kynges hyghnes as of suche as wolde pursue suche offenders. Foꝝ refoꝛmation wherof be it enacted, by auctozitie of this pꝛesent parlyament, that al suche offences done in oꝝ vpon the see, oꝝ in any other hauen riuier oꝝ creke, where the admyrall oꝝ admirals pꝛetende to haue iurisdiction, shalbe enquired tried herde and determyned in suche shires & places in the realme, as shalbe lymitted by the kynges commission to be directed foꝝ the same, in lyke foꝛme and conditiõ as if suche offences had bene done vppon the lande. And that suche commissions shal be had vnder the kynges greatte seale, directed to the loꝛde admyrall oꝝ admiralles, oꝝ to his oꝝ their lieutenaunt deputye oꝝ deputies, and to thre oꝝ foure suche other substantiall persones as shal be named by the loꝛde Chancellour foꝝ the tyme beinge, as often as nede shal require, to here and determine suche offences after the comon course of the lawes of the lande, vsed foꝝ felonyes done and committed within the realme.

And be it enacted by the auctozitie afoꝛesayd, that suche persons, to whom suche commissions shalbe directed, oꝝ iiii. of them at the leaste, shal haue full power and auctozitie to enquire of suche offences by the othes of. xii. good and lawfull men inhabyted in the shire lymitted in their commission, in suche lyke maner and fozme, as if suche offences had be committed vpon the land within the same shire: and that euery inditement founde and pꝛesented befoze such cõmissioners of any felonies robberies murders oꝝ man slaughters done vpon the sees, oꝝ in oꝝ vpon any other hauen riuier oꝝ creke, shalbe good and effectuell in the lawe. And if any persone oꝝ personnes happen to be indited foꝝ any suche offence, done oꝝ hereafter to be done vpon the sees, oꝝ

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In any other places aboue limited: that then suche order proces iudgement and execution shall be used hadde done and made to and agaynste euery suche person and persones so beinge indited, as agaynste felons and murderers for murder or felony done vpon the lande, as by the lawes of the realme is accustomed. And that the tryall of suche offence, if hit be denyed by the offenders shall be had by twelue men inhabyted in the shire lymitted within suche commysion, whiche shalbe directed as is aforesayd, and no challenge to be hadde for the hundred. And suche as shall be conuicte of any suche offence by verdicte confession or proces, by auctorite of any suche commysion, shall haue and suffre suche paynes of deathe, losses of londes goodes and cattelles, as if they hadde bene conuicte of any felonyes or murders doone vppon the landes.

And be it enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that for robberies felonies and murders done vpon the sees, or in any other places aboue reherfed, the offenders shall not be admytted to haue the benefite of their clergy, but be utterly excluded therof, and also of the priuilege of any sayntuary.

Also provided alway that this acte extende not to be prejudiciall or hurtfull to any person or persons for takynge any bytaye, gables, ropes, ankers, or sayles, whiche any suche person or persons compelled by necessitie taketh of or in any other shyppe, whiche may conuenientely spare the same: Soe that the same person or personnes pay out of hande for the same bytaye, gables, ropes, ankers, or sayles, money or money worthe to the value of the thyng so taken, or deliuer for the same a sufficient bylle obligatorie, to be payd in fourme folowynge, that is to saye, if the takynge of the same thynges be on this syde the straytes of Harrok, than to be payed within. iiii. monethes: And if it be beyonde the sayde straytes of Harrok, than to be payed within. xii. monethes nexte ensuinge the makinge of suche billes: And that the makers of suche billes well and truly paye the same dette at the daye to be limited within the sayde billes.

Also provided alway that whan so euer any suche commysion for the punishment of the offences aforesayde, shall be directed or sente to any place within the iurisdiction of the true portes, that then euery suche commysion shalbe directed vnto the lord warden of the same portes for the tyme beinge, or to his deputie, and vnto thre or foure suche other personne or personnes, as the lord Chancellor for the tyme beinge, shall name and appoynte: any thyng in this presente acte to the contrarye therof in any wise not withstandinge.

Also provided also, that whan so euer any commysion shall be directed into the true portes, for the inquisition and trialles of any the offences expessed in this acte: that euery suche inquisition and tryal to be had by vertue of suche commysion, shalbe made and had by the inhabytauntes in the sayde true portes, or the membes of the same: any thyng in this acte to the contrarye therof not withstandinge.

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An acte for makinge Justices of peace in Chester and  
wales. Capitulo. v.



He kynges hyghnes considerynge the manyfolde robberies murders thestes trespasses riottes routes embzaceries maintainances oppzessions ruptures of his peace, and manye other malfaites, whiche ben dayly practised perpetrated committed and done within his counties & countie palantines of Chester & flynt there in wales, adioyning to the sayd countie of Chester, & also in his coūties of Anglice, otherwyle called Anglesey, Kaverneruan, & Hereoneth within his principalitie of Northwales: And also in his coūties of Cardigan, Kavermerthe, Dembroke, & Glamoꝝgā in south wales, by reason that commen iustice hath not ben indifferently ministred there, lyke and in such fourme as it is in other places of this his realme: By reason wherof the said murders, robberies, thestes, trespasses, and bꝛekynge of the peace haue remayned unpunished, to the great animation of euill doers in the same counties. For redresse and amputation wherof, and to the intent that one order of ministring of his lawes shulde be had obserued & vled in the same, as in other places of this realme of Englande is had and vled: It is ordeyned and enacted by the kynges our soueraygne loꝛde, and the loꝛdes spirituall and tempozal, and the commons in this present parlyamente assembled, and by thauctoꝛitie of the same, that the loꝛde Chauncellour of Englande, oꝛ the loꝛde keeper of the greatte seale for the tyme beinge, frome tyme to tyme and at al tymes shal haue ful power and auctoꝛitie by his discretion, to nominate and appoynt Justicers of peace, Justicers of the Quorum, and iusticers of Gaole deliuerie in the sayd counties of Chester, flynt, Anglesey, Kaverneruan, Hereoneth, Cardigan, Kavermerthen, Dembroke, and Glamoꝝgan, by commissiō vnder the kynges greatte seale, whiche shal haue full power and auctoꝛitie to enquire here and determine all maner thyng and thynges enquirable presentable oꝛ determinable before iusticers of peace, iusticers of Quorum, and iusticers of gaole deliuerie in other shires of this realme of Englande, by force oꝛ vertue of any statute oꝛ statutes, made and to be made, oꝛ by the coule of the common lawes of this realme. And that the sayd Justicers of peace, Justicers of Quorum, & Justicers of gaole deliuerie, so to be named & appoynted by the sayd loꝛde Chauncellour, oꝛ loꝛde keeper of the great seale, & euery of them, shal haue lyke power and auctoꝛitie within the sayd counties of Chester, flynt, Anglesey, Kaverneruan, Hereoneth, Cardigan, Kavermerthen, Dembroke, and Glamoꝝgan, to doo ble and execute euery thyng and thynges, as other iusticers of peace, Quorum, and gaole deliuerie, haue within any other of the shires of this realme of Englande: And also shal be shorne astricted and obliged to the keepynge of theyr sessions of the peace, and to the due execution of all and singular statutes and ordinaunces made and to be made, in lyke maner and fourme, and vnder lyke pynes and penalties, as Justicers

cers of peace, Quorum, and Gaole deliuerer, in other shires of this realme of Englande ben and shall be bounden and obliged, any acte, statute, prescription, vsage, custome, lybertie, or priuilege hadde made accustomed or vbled to the contrary not withstandynge.

¶ And it is further enacted by the auctorite aforesayde, that the extretes of the issues fines and amerciamentes, taxed sette lost or forsayted by or before suchs Justicers of peace, Quorum, and gaole deliuerer, in the sayd counties of Chester and Flynt, shalbe retourned and certified into the eschequer of Chester, before the kynges Chaumberlayne there. And that the extretes of the issues fines and amerciamentes, taxed sette lost or forsayted, by or before the Justicers of peace, Quorum, and gaole deliuerer, in the sayde counties of Anglesey, Kaperneruan, and Merredoneth, and euery of them shall be returned and certified into the kynges eschequre at Kaperneruan, to and before the kynges Chamberlayne of Northwales. And that the extretes of the issues fines and amerciamentes, taxed, sette, losse or forsayted by or before the Justicers of peace, Quorum, and gaole deliuerer in the sayde counties of Kapermerthen, and Cardigan, and euery of them, shal be retourned and certified into the kynges eschequre at Kapermerden to and before the kynges chaumberlayne of Southwales. And that the extretes of the issues fines and amerciamentes, taxed sette losse or forsayted by or before the Justicers of peace, Quorum, and gaole deliuerer, in the countie of Dembroke, shalbe retourned and certified into the kynges eschequre at Dembroke.

And that the extretes of the issues fines and amerciamentes taxed sette lost or forsayted by or before the Justicers of peace, Quorum, and gaole deliuerer in the sayde countie of Glamorgail, shall be retourned and certified into the kynges eschequre at Kaperwill. And that the sayde extretes of the issues fines & amerciamentes, certified & retourned into euery of the forsayd eschequers, shall be indented in such lyke maner and fourme, as is vbled in the kynges eschequre at Westmynster. And that the sayde Justicers of peace and Quorum or gaole deliuerer, in euery of the sayde shires, shall directe such lyke processe by extretes indented, with the extretes certified into the sayd eschequers, to the Myssse of euery of the sayd counties, for the leuyleng and gatherynge of the sayde issues fines and amerciamentes in such lyke maner and fourme as is vbled by the Justicers of peace, quorum, and gaole deliuerer in euery other of the shires within this realme of Englande. And that euery Myssse of euery of the sayde shires shall make theyr accomptes in euery of the said eschequers of and for the sayd issues fines & amerciamentes vpon the extretes to them directed in maner and forme, as is vbled in the the kynges eschequre of Westmynster.

¶ And it is also enacted by the auctorite aforesayde, that the sayde Justicers of peace, and clerkes of the peace within the sayde counties of Chester, Flynt, Anglesey, Kaperneruan, Merredoneth, Cardigan, Kapermerthen, Dembroke, and Glamorgail, and euery of them shal be payed and allowed of the sayde issues fines and amerciamentes such lyke fees profittes and commodities



duities as other iusticers of peace and clerkes of the peace in other shires of this realme, haue and ought to haue.

¶ And it is farther enacted by auctoritie afoze sayde, that the shireffe or his deputie and all other his ministers, in all and euery of the sayde shires, and al coroners, highe constables, petty constables, and other officers within euery of the sayde shires shalbe oblyged and bounden to be as well attendaunt vnto the sayde iusticers of peace, Quorum, and Gaole deliuerer, in all and euery thyng and thynges concernynge thei auctorities, as in executynge and retournynge of all preceptes and procellis to them directed by any of the sayd Iusticers, in lyke maner and fourme, and vnder lyke paynes and penalties as all and euery sheriffes, coroners, and other officers, be and shall be bounden and oblyged by any statute or comon lawe in other shires of this realme of Englande: any acte statute prescription vnto custome libertie or priuilege, had accustomed or vlsed to the contrary not withstandinge.

¶ An acte for encrease and bryde of good hoxses. Ca. vi.

**T**he kynge our soueraygne lord continually studping for the aduancement augmentation and increase of the publyke weale of this his realme, calling to his most gracious memory the great decay of the generatio & brydyng of good & swyfte and stronge hoxses, whiche here to fore haue benne brydde in this realme, to the greatte defence profyte and common commoditie of the same: And now remembryng, that lyke bryde of hoxses is fore diminished and decayed, the occasion wherof is thoughte to procede for that tharin manye and mooste places of this realme commonlye lyttelle hoxses and nagges of smalle stature and value be suffred to depasture and also to conour maares and felys of very smalle stature, by reason wherof the bryde of good and stronge hoxses of this realme is now lately diminished altered and decayed, and farther is lyke to decay, if speedy remedy be not soner prouyded in that behalfe. The kynges highnes wyllyng therfore to prouyde remedy in that behalfe, by the aduise of the lordes spirituall and tempozal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled and by thau thoritie of the same, hath ordeyned enacted and established, that euery person and personnes, as well spirituall as tempozal, of what estate degree or condition so euer he or they be, which at this present time, or at any tyme here after shall haue any parke or grounde enclosed with hedge dyche walle or pale, wherein any dere is, or hereafter shall be vsuallye kepte for game, conteynyng the quantite of one myle in compas, and is or shall be leised thereof in fee simple fee taylor or for terme of lyfe, in possession to his or theyr owne profite and behofe, that euery suche owner of euery such parke and grounde, beinge in his owne hande, and euery fermet of euerye suche parke or grounde, beinge letten to ferme, from the firste daye of May, that shalbe in the yere of our lord god, M.D. X X V I I, shal kepe for euery such parke

parke of grounde, beinge enclosed as is afore sayde, as long as the same parke of grounde enclosed shall be vsed and kepte with deere in the same for games, two maates beinge not spayed, apte and able to beare folis, eche of them of the altitude or height of. xiii. handefulles at the leaste, to be measured from the lowest parte of the houe of the fore vnto the hyghest parte of the shulder, and every handefull to conteyne foure inches of the standarde, vppon payne of forsaite of .xl. s. for every monethe lackynge the sayde maates contrary to this act. And that every suche owner or fermier of parke of grounde, wherof the compas is foure myles and aboue, vpon payne afore expessed, shall kepe for every suche parke foure maates beinge not spayed apte and able to beare folis, of the altitude or heighte of. xiii. handefulles at the leaste, to be measured as is afore sayde.

**PROVIDED**, that if it shal happen any of the sayde maates by mischance or casualtie for to dye, that then the lord owner or owners of the sayde maates prouyding or byenge others of lyke heygth and altitude, as is before lymitted, within the monethes nexte after the death of the same maates, shall not incurre the daunger & penaltie of this estatute, any thyng before reherfed to the contrary not withstandinge.

**And** it is also enacted by auctozite afore sayde, that the lord owners and fermiers of all parkes and groundes enclosed as is aboue reherfed, lymitted and appoynted by this acte to kepe maates, shal not at any tyme after the sayde fyrste daye of Maye, whiche shal be in the yere of our lord god. M. D. XXXVII. wyllynge lyfte any of the sayd maates to be conozed and lepte with any stoned houlde, vnder the stature of fouretene handefulles, to be measured in fourme afore reherfed, vppon payne of forsaite of .xl. s. The moitie of all whiche forsaitures shalbe to the hyngre our soueraygne lord: And the other moitie therof to the parties that wylle sue for the same in any court of our sayde soueraygne lord the hyngre, by action bylle playnte or information or other wise, in whiche action or sute the defendaunt shall not be admitted to wage his lawe, nor any effoien or protection shall be vnto the defendaunt allowed in that behalfe.

**PROVIDED** ALSO, that this acte extende not to charge the lord owner or owners of any parke of grounde, enclosed within the countie of Westmerlande, Camberlande, Northumberlande, and the byshopricke of Durham, nor any of them to kepe any maates for any parke or parkes, groundes or groundes enclosed, as is afore sayde, lyenge in the said countie of Westmerlande, Camberlande, Northumberlande, and the byshopricke of Durham, other wyse thanne they haue or myghte haue done before the makynge of this acte: Nor also shall extende to charge the lord owner or owners of any parke or parkes or groundes enclosed, with the fyndinge of any maates, that charge of whiche parke or parkes, is common to the tenants and inhabytauntes of the towne shippes nexte adioynynge to the same parke or parkes, any thyng in this present acte made to the contrary hereof not withstandinge.

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Enoyded also, that every spirituall persone and personnes, charged and chargeable by this acte with the fyndyng of mares, may lawfully bargain and selle the increase and byrde of their sayd mares: any act or actes heretofore made to the contrary in any wyle not withstanding.

An acte agaynst vnlawfull exactions and vylages taken and vyled in the forestes of wales. capit. lii.



Here dyuers and many forestes be in wales and the marches of the same, as wel of the inheritaunce and possessions of our soueraygne lord the kynge, as of dyuerse others beinge lordes marchers: within whiche forestes certayne vnreasonable customes and exactions haue ben of longe tyme vnlawfully exacted and vyled, contrary bothe to the lawe of god and man, to the expresse wronge and great impouerishyng of dyuers of the kynge's trewe subiectes: The effecte of whiche sayd vnlawfull exactions and customes be hereafter declared, that is to witte, it hath ben there vnlawfully vyled, that if it fortuneth any of the kinges subiectes to passe go or ryde throughe or in any waye or path of any of the sayde forestes, not hauyng vpon hym or them, that so shal fortune to passe go or ryde, a token deliuered to hym or them by the chiefe foresters rulers walkers or fermers, the whiche token shal be wel known amongst al them that are walkers and rulers vnder him or them: Or that he or they that so shal fortune to passe go or ryde in or throughe any of the sayd forestes be not perely tributours or chensers: then he or they so goyng rydyng or traouaylyng in or throughe any of the sayde forestes, hauyng no token, nor beinge perely tributours or chensers, as is aforesayde, haue vyled to pay by vnlawful exaction vnto the sayd foresters rulers walkers and fermers of the sayd forestes, a greuous fyne or rewarde. And if any person or persons, not hauynge suche token or tokens, and not beinge a perely tributour, or a chenser as is aforesayde, shulde happen to be taken, founde, or espied by any of the said foresters rulers walkers or fermers or their assignes by the space of xliiii. fote out of the hyghway, then he or they, so being taken founde or espied out of the hygh way, within any of the sayde forestes, as is aforesayd, to forsaite and lose vnto the sayde foresters, rulers, walkers, and fermers, all suche money and golde, as shuld be then founde vpon hym or them, so being taken in any of the sayde forestes, out of the hyghe way, as is aforesayde. And also the same person or persons so being taken or found out of the hygh way, to forsaite and lose a ioynt of one of his or their handes, or els to make fyne therfore with the said foresters rulers walkers and fermers, at the wyl and pleasure of the sayd rulers walkers or fermers. And if also that it happen any beaste or quicke catell to come go or escape into any of the sayd forestes by stray, or thefe stolen, or otherwise, the saide foresters rulers walkers or fermers, after knowlege to him or them giuen, haue likewise vnlawfully vyled to sease & take the same beaste or cattelle, as his or theyr owne, and



make them with the marke of their forest, there bled : and so sealed marked taken and then receyve as cattell forsaught unto theyr owne vse, by reason wherof the owner and owners of the same catel have be cleve without remedie for the hauynge agayne of the sayde catelle, excepte onely by waye of redemption, or byenche agayne of theyr owne catelle, contrarie to all equitie & conscience. In consideration wherof it may please the kynges highnes, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and tempozalle, and the commons at this present parlyament assembled and by the auctoritie of the same to enacte ordeyne and establishe, that from the feast of the Nativite of sayncte Iohn Baptiste nexte commynge, whiche shalbe in the yere of our lord god . M. D. XXXVI. all the sayde unlawfull customes to be determined, boyde, and had for nought thout all and euery of the sayde forestes within Wales and the marches of the same : And that it shall be lawefull from thenseforth to all and euery of the kynges trewe subiectes, and all other person or persons beinge in lege and amitie with our souerayne lord the kyng, his heires and successours kynges of Englande, frely quietly and in pease to passe and repasse, trauaile and go into and thoute the sayd forestes and euery of them, bothe on horsebacke and on foote, as well solowynge and bypynng of catel, as with carieng of wares, or otherwyle aboute their lawfull busines and affaires, without any fine forsaught tolle custome exaction or other imposition, to be taken exacted, or demaunded of them or of any of them, by the sayd fosters rulers walkers fermers or theyr assignes. And if it shall chaunce or happen any of the sayde fosters rulers walkers fermers or theyr assignes or any of theym, at any tyme after the sayde feast of sayncte Iohn Baptiste, to take any person or persons, beinge the kynges trewe subiectes, or otherwyle in lege & amitie with our said souerain lord his heires or successours kynges of Englande, as is aforesayde, and exacte and take of theym or of anye of theym any of the sayde forsaught fines tolles customes or exactions, as is aboue mentioned, and be therof lawfully conuicted, that then he or they too doyng and offending contrary to this acte, to incurre and stande in the dangers of the estatute heretofore prouyded for robberies by the kynges hyghe waye, and the same to be tried befoze the Justices of the peace in the nexte shire adioynante, accorpyng to the lawe of this realme of Englande.

**AND FVRTHER BE IT ENACTED** by the auctorite aforesayd, that if any maner of beale or quicke cattell of any of the kynges true subiectes or others the kynges frendes, atte any tyme after the sayde feast of the Nativite of sayncte Iohn Baptiste, to come into any of the sayde forestes by straves, thesse stolen, or otherwyle, and there to be marked and sealed by any of the sayde fosters rulers walkers fermers or theyr assignes, or any of them, and the owner and owners of the same catel within one yere and a day than next ensuyng chanse to fynde the sayde catell so taken, and lawfully proue the same to be his or their owne propre cattell, that then the same catell to be redelyuered to the owner or owners therof, accorpyng to the auncient lawe of this realme of Englande, the sayd owner or owners  
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reasonably payenge for the keepnge of such catell, after the rate of the tyme that suche catell shall haue ben in the custody and keepnge of any suche fosterers rulers walkers and ferriers of his or theyr assignes, in such maner and fourme, as heretofore hath ben in lyke case bled to be doone by the lawe of this realme of estrayed cattell claymed and proued by the owners, within a yere and a daye nexte after the leaseinge of the same catell. And if any of the sayd fosterers rulers walkers ferriers their assignes or any of the do deny the redeliuerance of any suche catell, by them or any of them so sealed & marked within any of the sayd focestes, after the owner or owners of them shall haue dewely & lawefully proued them to be his or their owne propre goodes & cattelles, as is aforesayde, that then every suche fosterer ruler walker ferrier or assignes so doinge and offendynge contrary to this acte, to forsayte and pay vnto the partie greued the double value of all suche cattell, as shall be so taken and marked, and not redelyuered to the owner or owners, as is aforesayde: And yf the partie greued may haue his action of detinue at the comon lawe of and for the same cattell, agaynste every suche offender or offenders, and the same to be tried in the nexte hyre adtoyname: in whiche action the defendaunt shall not be admitted to wage his lawe, nor escon nor protection shall be allowed for them: And lyke processe of outlagary to be had & made in the sayd action of detinue in the next there adtoyname agaynst every fosterer ruler walker ferrier or theyr assignes, so offendynge contrary to the tenour of this acte, as in an action of trespas at the comon lawe of this realme is bled.

**C**An acte that the kynges spirituall subiectes shall paye no tenth of their spirituall promotions for that fyfthe yere, for whiche they paye theyr fyfthe frutes.

## Capitulum. lvi.



Where by a late acte made in this parlyamente for and concerning the graunte made to the kynges hyghnes of the tenth of the yerely value of all spirituall possessions of this realme, and of the fyfthe frutes therof, there appereth by the wordis of the sayd acte, that prelates and al other incumbentes be charged to the payment of the tenth that shall be due to the kynges hyghnes, in and for the fyfthe yere that they shall be elected, perfected, presented, collated, or admytted to any dignities, benefices, or other promotions spirituall, and for the same fyfthe yere shall also pay the hole fyfthe frutes of their sayde dignities, benefices, and promotions, whiche is a double charge. For reformation wherof, the kynges hyghnesse for thentier and hartye loue that his grace beareth to the prelates and other incumbentes, chargeable to the paymente of the sayde tenth and fyfthe frutes, of his excellent goodnes is pleased and contented, that it be enacted by auctorite of this presente parlyamente, that whanne so ever any persone

or personnes, frome the fyfste daye of Maye, whiche shall be in the yere of our lord god a thousande fyue hundred thetye and fyve, shall be named, pfected, presented, collated, or by any other meanes appoynted to haue any Archebysshoppe, Bysshoppe, abbacye, monasterie, priorye, colledge, hospitall, archedeconrye, deanerye, prouostshyppe, prebende, personage, vicarage, chauntrye, freechapell, or other dygnitie benefice or promotion spirituall, by vertue wherof, they shalbe charged or chargeable, as well for the payement of the .x. of euery of the sayd archebysshoppe, byshoppe, abbacye, monasterie, priorye, colledge, hospitall, archedeconrye, deanrye, prouostshyppe, prebende, personage, vicarage, chauntrye, freechapelle, or other dygnitie, benefice, or promotion spirituall, as with the payment of the first frutes of the same, and euery of the same, shal at his or their composition, agreement, or entree into specialtie or specialties, for the payment of the sayd fyfste frutes, haue allowance and deduction of the sayde .x. parte of the holle, oute of the summe to be payed for the sayde fyfste frutes for the yere, wherein he or they shall be fyfste nominated, pfected, presented, collated, or by any other meanes appoynted, to haue any of the sayd dignities, benefices, offices, or other promotions spirituall, accoꝝdyng to the iuste rate, taxation, and cessment of the .x. of euery of the said archebysshoppe, byshoppe, abbacye, monasterie, priorye, colledge, hospitall, archedeconrye, deanerye, prouostshyppe, prebende, personage, vicarage, chauntrye, freechapelle, or other dygnitie, benefice, office, or promotion spirituall within this realme or els where within any of the kynges dominions of what name nature or qualite so euer they be, or to whole foundatio psonage or gyfte so euer they belonge, nowe beyng enrolled, or that hereafter shall be enrolled in the kynges Eschequier, or in any other the kynges courtes of recoꝝde.

AND BE IT FVRTHER ENACTED that euery commissioner or comysponers, or other the kynges officers or mynisters, or any other personne or personnes, whiche eyther by auctoritie of any acte of parlyamente, or by comysmission or comysmissions, vnder the kynges greaite Seale, or otherwyle by his graces commaundemente, or by the commaundemente of suche as by his hyghnes shall be auctorised for that purpose, be appoynted assigned or deputed, or that hereafter shall be appoynted auctorised assigned or deputed, to compoꝝnde agre and recyue bondes and specialties to his maiesties vse, for payement of the sayde fyfste frutes of euery of the sayde dygnities, benefices, offices or other promotions spirituall, shal and maye by force of this acte, from the sayde fyfste daye of Maye for euer forwarde, haue auctoritie to deducte and allowe vnto euery suche persone or personnes, as frome the sayde fyfste daye of Maye, shall be nominated, pfected, presented, collated, or by any other meanes appoynted to haue any of the sayde archebysshoppe, byshoppe, abbacye, monasterie, priorye, colledge, hospitall, archedeconrye, deanrye, prouostshyppe, prebende, personage, vicarage, chauntrye, freechapelle, or other dygnitie, benefice, office or promotion



tion spirituall, the tenth parte of the hole, as is aforesayde, out of the same fyrste frutes for the petye, wherein he or they shal be fyrste nominated, perfected, presented, collated, or by any other meanes appoynted vnto euery of the same, as is aforesayde, without any farther suite to be made to the kynges hyghnes, and without imposition exaction or other charge to be in any wyle demaunded or exacted of the persone or personnes soo preferred, for the allowance vnto them of the sayde tenth, for the sayd fyrste petye in fourme aboue expressed: any thynge or thynge in the sayde act of the graunte of the sayde tenth and fyrste frutes to the contrary notwithstanding.

¶ And it is also enacted by the auctorite aforesayde, that all and euery persone and persones, that vpon his or theyr composition and agreement for the fyrste frutes, shalbe defaulte and allowed the tenth parte of the hole some of his or theyr dignities benefices offices or promotions spirituall, for the petye wherein he or they shal be fyrste nominated perfected presented collated or by any other meanes appoynted vnto any of the same, as is aboue sayde, shal petye and paye the sayde tenth part vnto the kynges maiestie his heires and successours, the sayde fyrste petye in lyke maner and fourme, and at suche daye as is lymitted in the sayde acte of the graunte of the sayde tenth and fyrste frutes: any thynge conteyned in this acte to the contrary notwithstanding.

¶ Be it farther enacted by the auctorite aforesayd, that in such cases, where the successour of any incumbent shal be chargeable to the payment of suche sommes of money, as shal be due of and for the sayde tenth, that shal happen to be behynd vnpayd in the tyme or lyfe of his predecessour, there euery such successour may lawfully distrayn suche goodes and catals of his predecessour, as shal happen to be and remayne in and vpon the dignitie benefice or promotion spirituall, of the whiche the same tenth was behynde and vnpayde in the lyfe or tyme of his predecessour, and to reteyne the sayd goodes and catalles tyll suche tyme as the sayde predecessour, if he be alpye, and if he be deed, then his executors or administratours, or suche other, to whom his goodes and cattalles shulde apperteyne, haue fully satisfied & paid such summes of money, as shal happen to be behynde & vnpayed of the sayd tenth. And in case the sayd predecessour, his executors administratours, or suche other to whom his goodes or catalles shulde apperteyne, within. xii. dayes nexte after the distresse therof, doo not satisfie the sayde sommes of moneye, beinge behynde of the sayde tenth, as is aforesayd: that then for suche default of paiement it shalbe lawfull to euery such successour to cause the said goodes and catalles so distreyned, to be preyed by two or thre indifferent personnes to be sworne for the same: And accordynge to the same appreylinge to sell so moche therof, as shal amounte as well to the full satisfaction of the sayde sommes of money, beinge behynde and vnpayed of the sayd tenth, in the lyfe or tyme of his predecessour, as for the reasonable costes, that shalbe spent by occasion of distreynynge and appraylinge of the same goodes and catalles. And in case no sufficient goodes and catalles may be found in or vpon suche

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dignities, benefices, or promotions spirituall, for the satisfaction of the sayde tenth, beinge behynde vnpayde, as is aboue sayde, that then the predeces-  
four, by whom suche tenth was due to be payde, if he be a lyuer and if he be  
deed, then his executors administratours and other, to whom his goodes  
and catalles shall appertayne or belonge, shalbe compelled to the payement  
of the sayde tenth beinge behynde and vnpayde as is also sayd, by byl to be  
pursued in the kynges Chauncery by the successour that shall be chargeable  
for the same, or els by action or playnt of dette to be taken or commenced by  
suche successour by order of the common lawes.

**I**n acte wherby all bouchers be lycenced to sell fleshe by retayle vnto the  
xxiii. day of Aprill, whiche shall be in the yere of our  
lozde god. M. D. XL. Ca. 4.



Here in this presente parliament begunne at London the .iij.  
day of November, in the .xvi. yere of the regne of our soue-  
raygne lozde the kyng that now is, and from thens adioyn-  
ed to westm, & there by diuers propositions hitherto contin-  
ued, in one session there holden the .xxiii. yere of our said so-  
ueraine lozdes reigne amongst dyuers beneficiall estatutes  
there made, it was enacted, that euery person which dyd sel after the first day  
of August, in the sayd .xxiii. yere, any beaſte porke mutton or beale, or any  
parte or parcell thereof, shulde selle the same by laifull weyght called haberd-  
depoy, and none other wise, after the price in the same acte conteyned and  
especificed: as in the same acte moze playnely is conteyned. And where after-  
wardes for so moche as sufficient auctorite was not gauen by the said act to  
the Justices of the pece, maires, baylyffes, shertues, & other officers reherſed  
in the sayde former acte to punishe the offenders, and suche other as wolde  
not sell by weyght accorpyng to the force of the sayd act: at an other session  
holden in the .xxv. yere of our sayde soueraygne lozdes regne, it was than  
by an other estatute enacted, that from the .xx. day of february, in the yere of  
our lozde god. M. D. XXXIII, it shulde be laifull to all and euery mayres,  
sheryffes, constables, baylyffes, and other gouernours of cities, boroughes,  
and market towne, as wel within liberties as without, to whom any com-  
playnt shuld be made vpon any boucher his wife seruantis or other his my-  
nisters, refusyng to sell the said vitayles by trewe and laifull weight, accor-  
pyng to the tenour of the said former acte, not onely to commytte euery su-  
che boucher or other suche offender to warde, there to remayn without bayle  
or maynprie, vnto suche tyme as they and euery of theym shall haue payde  
all the forſaytures and penalties compriſed in the sayde former acte: but al-  
so euery of the sayde mayres and other hed officers and their deputies shuld  
sell or cause to be solde all suche vitayles by trewe weyght and for redy mo-  
ney, as in the sayd acte made in the sayd .xxv. yere moze at large is expreſſed.  
The kynges hyghnes well considerynge the great darth of all maner of vi-  
tayles,

caplles, whiche be nowe and synge the makynge of the sayd estatutes hath fallen and happened within this his realme, as welle by moꝛeyne and deathe of suche catell, as by great waters and vnseasonable wethers, whereby the byede and encrease of the same is moche enpapped and minished: in such wyse that if the said foꝛmer estatutes were put in execution, the bouchers and sellers of suche bytayles were not able to lyue, noꝛ that his commons shulde be wel serued therof: the scarstye of the same consydered, by his accustomed goodnes the pꝛemisses consydeꝛynge, is contented by thassent of his maiestie, with the assente of his loꝛdes spirituall and tempoꝛall, and of his commons in this his pꝛesente pꝛlyamente assembled, and by auctoꝛitye of the same, that it be bydeyned establyshed and enacted, that from the. xii. daye of Aprill, in the yere of our loꝛde god. M. D. XXXVI. vnto the. xxiii. daye of Aprill, the whiche shall be in the yere of our loꝛde god. M. D. XL. all bouchers and other sellynge fleshe by retayle, maye lawefully kille and selle all maner hiefe poꝛke mutton and beale, being good and holsome foꝛ mans bodye, at theyꝛ pleasures and lyberties, as frely and lyberally as they oꝛ any of them dyd oꝛ myght haue done at any tyme befoꝛe the makynge of the sayde estatutes, made in the. xxiii. and. xxv. yere of oure sayde soueraygne loꝛdes reygne, without any losse, payne, imprisonment, foꝛsaiture, oꝛ penaltie, to be by them oꝛ any of them, oꝛ the succussours of them oꝛ any of them, had lost boꝛn oꝛ susteyned in that behalfe, during the tyme befoꝛe lymitted, The same estatutes made in the sayd. xxiii. & xxv. yere, oꝛ eyther of them, oꝛ any clause sentence foꝛsaiture payne losse oꝛ any other thyng in them oꝛ any of theym to the contrary in any wyse not withstandynge: And that the same estatutes and eyther of them, and euery clause sentence and article in them and eyther of them conteyned, shall be in suspence and not put in execution durynge the sayde tyme.

And where also by an nother estatute, made in the sayde. xxv. yere of the reigne of our sayde soueraygne loꝛde, it was enacted, that no suckynge calues, whiche shulde happe to falle by be calued betwene the fyrste daye of January than next ensuynge, and the fyrst daye of May, durynge two hole yeres nexte after folowynge, shuld be kyllled, and put to sale by any bouchers oꝛ other person; hole oꝛ by retayle, to any person oꝛ persons, durynge the sayde two yeres, vpon the paynes conteyned in the sayde estatute, as by the same estatute moze playnely appereth: The kyng our soueraygne loꝛde of his excellent goodnes, to thentent that his louynge subiectes shuld be the better pꝛouyded of the moze plenty of bitayles ayenst this holy tyme of easter next comynge, is also contented that it be enacted by auctoꝛitye afoꝛesayde, that all bouchers and other sellynge fleshe by retaile, maye lawfully from the said. xii. daye of Aprill, in the yere of our loꝛde god. M. D. XXXVI. duringe two hole yeres then next ensuynge, kyll and selle calues hole oꝛ by retaile at their pleasures and liberties, without any losse payne damage penaltie oꝛ foꝛsaiture by them oꝛ any of them to be had susteyned oꝛ losse in that behalfe, The sayde estatute made foꝛ kyllynge of calues to endure foꝛ two yeres, oꝛ any thyng



thyng in the same conteyned to the contrary in any wyse notwithstanding.  
**A**nd he is further enacted by the sayde act, that the sayde act made for the kyllinge of calves shall begynne to take effecte the fyrst day of January, the whiche shall be in the yere of our lord god . M . D . XXXIX . and from thenseforth to endure and continue two hole yeres than nexte and immediately ensuynge, any thyng conteyned in this present acte to the contrary notwithstanding.

**A**n acte expresseinge an order for vles and willes. ca. r.



Here by the common lawes of this realme landes tenementes & hereditamentes be not diuisible by testamēt nor ought to be transferred from one to an other, but by solēne livery and seison, matter of recozde, wrytyng sufficient, made bona fide without couyne or fraude: yet neuer the les diuers and sondy imaginations, subtile inuentions, and practises haue benne vled: wherby the hereditamentes of this realme haue ben conueied from one to an other by fraudulent feoffementes fines recoueries and other assurances craftily made, to secrete vles intentes & trustes, and also by willes and testamētis, somtyme made by nude parol & wordes, somtyme by signes and tokens, and somtyme by wryting, & for the most part made by suche persons as be visited with syknes in their extreme agonies and paynes, or at suche tyme as they haue hadde scantly any good memoire or remembraunce: At whiche tymes they beinge prouoked by gredy and couetouse persons, lienge in a wayt about them, do many tymes dispose indiscretely and vnadvisedly theyr landes and inheritances, By reson wherof, and by occasion of whiche fraudulent feoffementes, fynes, recoueries, & other lyke assurances to vles, confidences and trustes, diuers and many heres haue ben iniustely at sundry tymes disherited, the lordes haue losse their wardes, mariages, reliefes, harriottes, eschetes, aides pur faire fitz chivaler et pur file marier, and scantely any personne can be certaynly assured of any landes by them purchased, nor knowen surely agayn whome they shall vse their actions or executions for their ryghtes titles and dutties: Also menne married haue losse theyr tenaunces by the courtesye, women theyr dowers, many feste perturies by triall of suche secret wylls and vles haue bene committed: The kynges highnesse hath losse the profittes and aduantages of the landes of persones atteynted, and of the landes craftely put in feffement to the vles of aliens bozne, and also the profittes of waste for a yere and a day, of landes of felons atteynted, and the lordes their eschetes thereof: and many other inconueniences haue happened and dayly doo entcrease amonge the kinges subiectes, to theyr great trouble and inquietnes, and to the vtter sabuersion of the auncient common lawes of this realme. For the extirpynge and extinguisshement of all suche subtyll practised feffementes, fines, recoueries, abuses, and errours, heretofore vled & accustomed in this realme,

realme, to the subuersion of the good and auncient lawes of the same, and to thintent that the kynges hyghnes, or any other his subiectes of this realme shall not in any wise here after by any meanes or inuentions, be deceyued damaged or hurted by reason of suche trustes vles or confidences, hit maye please the kynges moost royall maiestie, that it may be enacted by his highnes, by thassent of the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this present parlyament assembled, and by auctozitie of the same, in maner and fourme folowynge: that is to saye, that where any person or personnes stande or be seased, or at any tyme hereafter shall happen to be seased of and in any honours castelles manours landes tenementes rentes seruices reuertions remainders or other hereditamentes, to the vse confidence or trust of any other personne or personnes, or of any body politike, by reason of any bargayne sale feffement fine recouerie couenant contracte agreement wyll or other wyse, by any maner meanes what so euer it be, that in euery suche case all and euery suche person and persones, and bodyes polptike, that haue or hereafter shall haue anye suche vse, confidence, or truste, in fee symple, fee taylor, for terme of lyfe or of yeres, or other wyse: or anye vse confidence or truste in remainder or reuerter, shal from henseforth stonde and be seased demed and adiudged in lawfull feson estate and possession of and in the same honours castels manours lades tenementes rentes seruices reuertions remainders & hereditamentes, with their appurtenances to al intentes constructiōs & purposis in the law, of & in such like estates as they had or shall haue in vse truste or confidence of or in the same. And that the estate title ryght and possession, that was in suche persone or personnes, that were or here after shall be seased of any landes tenementes or hereditamentes, to the vse confidence or truste of anye suche person or personnes, or of any body polptike, be frome henseforth clerely demed and adiudged to be in hym or them that haue or here after shall haue suche vse confidence or truste, after suche qualytte maner fourme and condicion, as they had befoze in or to the vse confidence or truste that was in them.

And be it further enacted by the auctozitie afoze sayde, that where byuers and many persons be or here after shall happen to be ioyntly seased of and in any landes tenementes rentes reuertions remainders or other hereditamentes, to thuse confidence or truste of any of them that be so ioyntely seased, that in euery such case, that those person or persons, whiche haue or here after shall haue anye suche vse confidence or truste in anye suche landes tenementes rentes reuertions remainders or hereditamentes, shall from henseforth haue and be demed and adiudged to haue onely to hym or theym, that haue or hereafter shall haue suche vse confidence or truste, suche estate possession and season, of and in the same landes tenementes rentes reuertions remainders or other hereditamentes in lyke nature maner fourme condicion and course, as he or they hadde befoze in the vse confidence or truste of the same landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes: sauynge and reseruyng to all and synguler persones and bodyes polptike, theyr heires and successours,

cessours, other than those person or persones, whiche be sealed or hereafter shall be sealed of any landes tenementes or hereditamentes to any vse, confidence or truste, all suche ryght tyle entre interest possession rentes and action, as they or any of them had or myghte haue hadde befoze the makynge of this acte.

¶ And also sauynge to all and synguler those persons, and to theyr heires, whiche be or hereafter shall be sealed to any vse, all suche former ryght tyle entre interest possession, rentes, customes, seruices, and action, as they or any of them might haue had to his or their owne propre vse in or to any manours, landes, tenementes, rentes, or hereditamentes, wherof they be or hereafter shall be sealed to any other vse, as if this present acte hadde neuer ben hadde nor made: any thyng conteyned in this acte to the contrarie not withstandynge.

¶ And where also dyuers persons stand & be seled of & in any landes tenementes or hereditamentes, in fee symple or otherwyle to the vse or intent of some other person or persons shall haue and perceue perely to them and to his or their heires one annuelle rente of tenne poundes or moze or lesse, oute of the same landes and tenementes, and some other person one other annuell rent to hym and his assignes for terme of lyfe, or yeres, or for some other speciall tyme, accoꝛdinge to suche intent and vse, as hath benne heretofore declared lymitted and made therof: Be it therfore enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that in euery such case the same persons their heires and assignes, that haue suche vse and interest, to haue and perceue any suche annuell rentes out of any landes tenementes or hereditamentes, that they & euery of theym theyr heires and assignes be adyudged and demed to be in possession and season of the same rente of and in suche lyke estate as they had in the tyle interest or vse of the sayde rent or profite, and as if a sufficient graunt or other laifull conuepance had be made and executed to them by suche as were or shall be sealed to the vse or intent of any suche rent to be hadde made or payde accoꝛdyng to the very truste and intent therof. And that all and euery suche person and persones as haue or hereafter shall haue any tyle vse and interest in or to any suche rent or profite, shall laiffully distreyn for none payement of the sayde rente, and in their owne names make aduowtries, or by theyr Bayllyffes or seruauntes make conisaunces & Justifications, and haue all other suites entrees and remedies for suche rentes, as if the same rentes hadde be actualle and really graunted to theym with sufficient clauses of distresse reentre or otherwyle, accoꝛdyng to suche condicions pennes or other thynges lympitted and appoynted vpon the truste and intente for payement or suretie of suche rente.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctorite aforesayde, that where as dyuers persones haue purchased or haue estate made and conueped of and in diuers landes tenementes and hereditamentes vnto them and to their wifes and to the heires of the husbände, or to the husbände and to the wyfe, and to the heires of theyr two bodyes begoten, or to the heires of one of theyr bodyes



dies begotten, oꝛ to the husbonde and to the wyfe foꝛ terme of their lyues, oꝛ foꝛ terme of lyfe of the sayde wyfe: And where any suche estate, oꝛ purchase of any landes tenementes oꝛ hereditamentes hath benne oꝛ here after shall be made to any husbande & to his wyfe, in maner and fourme aboue expꝛessed, oꝛ to any other person oꝛ persones, and to their heires and assignes, to the vse and behoue of the sayde husbande and wyfe, oꝛ to the vse of the wyfe, as is befoꝛe reherſed, foꝛ the ioynter of the wyfe: that then in euery suche case, euery woman married, hauynge suche ioynter made oꝛ hereafter to be made, shall not clayme noꝛ haue title to haue any dower of the residue of the landes tenementes oꝛ hereditamentes that at any tyme were her sayde husbandes, by whom she hath any suche ioynter, noꝛ shall demaunde noꝛ clayme her dower of and agaynst them that haue the landes and inheritaunces of her sayde husbande. But if she haue no suche ioynter, thenne she shall be admitted and inhabeled to pursue haue and demaunde her dower by wytt of dower, after the due course and order of the common lawes of this realme: this acte oꝛ any lawe oꝛ pꝛouision made to the contrarie therof notwithstandinge.

¶ Pꝛouided alwaye, that if any suche woman be lawfully expelled oꝛ euycted frome her sayde ioynter, oꝛ frome any parte therof, without any fraude oꝛ couine by lawful entree action oꝛ by discontinuaunce of her husband: then euery suche woman shall be endowed of as moche of the residue of her husbandes tenementes oꝛ hereditamentes, wherof she was befoꝛe dowable, as the same landes and tenementes, so euycted and expelled, shall amounte oꝛ extende vnto.

¶ Pꝛouided also, that this acte noꝛ any thinge therein conteyned oꝛ expꝛessed, extende oꝛ be in any wyse hurtfull oꝛ pꝛejudiciall to any woman oꝛ women heretofore beinge married, of foꝛ oꝛ concernynge suche ryght title vse interest oꝛ possession, as they oꝛ any of them haue clayme oꝛ pꝛetende to haue foꝛ her oꝛ they ioynter oꝛ dower of in oꝛ to any manours landes tenementes oꝛ other hereditamentes of any of their late husbandes, beyng now deceased, any thinge conteyned in this acte to the contrary notwithstandinge.

¶ Pꝛouided also, that if any wyfe haue oꝛ hereafter shall haue any manours landes tenementes oꝛ hereditamentes, vnto her gyuen oꝛ assured after marriage foꝛ terme of her lyue, oꝛ other wyse in ioynter, excepte the same assurance be to her made by acte of parlyament, and the sayd wyfe after that fortune to ouerlyue the same her husband, in whose tyme the sayd ioynter was made oꝛ assured vnto her, that thenne the same wyfe, soo ouerlyuyng, shall and may at her libertie, after the death of her sayde husbande refuse to haue and take the landes and tenementes, so to her gyuen appoynted oꝛ assured, durynge the couerture, foꝛ terme of her lyfe oꝛ other wyse in ioynter: excepte the same assurance be to her made by acte of parlyament, as is afoꝛesayde, and therbypon to haue aske demaunde & take her dower by wytte of dower oꝛ otherwyse, accoꝛdyng to the common lawe, of and in all suche landes, tenementes

mentes and hereditamentes, as her husbände was and shode sealed of any estate of inheritance, at any tyme duringe the coverture, any thyng conteyned in this acte to the contrary in any wise notwithstandinge.

**¶** Provided also that this present acte nor any thyng therein conteyned, extend, nor be at any tyme hereafter interpreted expounded or taken to extinguishe release discharge or suspende any statute, reconisance, or other bonde by the execution of any estate of or in any landes tenementes or hereditamentis by thautozitie of this acte, to any person or persons, or bodies polypke: any thyng conteyned in this acte to the contrary therof notwithstandinge.

**¶** And for as much as great ambiguities & doubtes may arise of the validite and invalidite of willes heretofore made of any landes tenementes and hereditamentes, to the great trouble of the kynges subiectes, the kynges most royal maiestie myndynge the tranquillite and reste of his loving subiectes, of his most excellent and accustomed goodnes is pleased and contented, that it be enacted by thautozitie of this present parliament, that all maner trewe and iuste wylles and testaments heretofore made by any person or persons deceased, or that shall deceasse before the fyrste daye of May, that shall be in the yere of our lord god . M . D . XXXVI . of any landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes, shall be taken and accepted good and effectual in the lawe, after suche fashon maner and fourme as they were commonly taken and bled at any time within fourtie yeres next afore the making of this acte: any thyng conteyned in this acte, or in the preamble therof, or any opinion of the common lawe to the contrary therof notwithstandinge.

**¶** Provided alwaies, that the kinges highnes shall not haue demaunde or take any aduantage or profite for or by occasion of the executynge of any estate onely by auctoritie of this acte, to any person or persons or bodies politike, whiche now we haue, or on this syde the said first daye of May, whiche shall be in the yere of our lord god . M . D . XXXVI . shall haue any vse or vles trustes or confidences in any manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes holden of the kynges hyghnes, by reason of primer seison, liverie, vtter le mayne, fine for alienation, reliese or harriot: but that fines for alienations relieves & harriottes shalbe payd to the kinges highnes: And also liveries & vtter le maynes shalbe sued for vles, trustes, & confidences to be made and executed in possession, by auctoritie of this acte, after and from the sayde fyrste daye of May, of landes & tenementes and other hereditamentes holden of the kinge in suche lyke maner and fourme, to all intentes constructions and purposes as hath heretofore bled or accustomed by thorder of the lawes of this realme.

**¶** Provided also, that no other perso or persons or bodies politike, of whom any londes testies or hereditamentes be or hereafter shalbe holden mediate or immediate, shal in any wise demaunde or take any syne reliese or harriot for or by occasion of the executynge of any estate by the auctoritie of this acte, to any person or persones or bodies politike, before the sayde fyrste daye of May, whiche shalbe in the yere of our lord god . M . D . XXXVI .

And

¶ And be it enacted, by auctoritie aforesayde, that all and synguler persone and persons, and bodyes polityke, whiche at any tyme on this syde the said first day of Maye, whiche shalbe in the yere of our lord god. M. D. XXXVI. shall haue any estate vnto them executed of and in any landes tenementes or hereditamentes, by the auctorite of this acte, shal and may haue and take the same or lyke aduantage, benefite, voucher, ayde ppyer, remedye, commo- ditye, and profite by action entree condicion or other wyse, to all intentes con- structions and purposes, as the persone or persones sealed to theyr vse of or in any suche landes tenementes or hereditamentes, so executed had shoulde myght or oughte to haue had at the tyme of the execution of the estate ther- of, by the auctoritie of this acte, agaynst any other person or persones of or for any waste, disseison, trespass, condicion broken, or any other offence cause or thyng concernynge or touchyng the sayd landes or tenementes, so execu- ted by the auctoritie of this acte.

¶ Provided also and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that actions now dependynge agaynst any person or persons, sealed of or in any landes tenementes or hereditamentes, to any vse truste or confidence, shall not a- bate ne be discharged for or by reason of executynge of any estate therof by auctoritie of this acte, before the said first day of Maye, whiche shal be in the yere of our lord god. M. D. XXXVI. any thyng conteyned in this acte to the contrary not withstandynge.

¶ Provided also, that this acte nor any thyng therein conteyned, shal not be prejudicial to the kynges highnes for wardshippes of heires now being with- in age, nor for lueries, or for vulture le mayns, to be sued by any person or per- sons now being within age, or of full age, of any landes or tenementes vnto the same heire or heires now all redy descended: any thing in this acte con- teyned to the contrary not withstandynge.

¶ Provided also and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that all and synguler recognisances heretofore knowleged taken or made to the kynges vse, for or concernynge any recoueries of any landes tenementes or heredi- tamentes here tofore used or had by writte or writtes of entre upon disseison in le poss, shall from henceforth be utterly voyde and of none effecte to all in- tentes constructions and purposes.

¶ Provided also that this acte, nor any thyng therein conteyned be in any wyse prejudiciall or hurtful to any persone or persons, bothe in wales or the marches of the same, whiche shall haue any estate to them executed by auc- toritie of this acte in any landes tenementes or other hereditamentes with- in this realme, wherof any other persone or persones now stande or be sea- led to the vse of any suche persone or persones bothe in wales, or the mar- ches of the same: but that the same persone or persones bothe in wales or the marches of the same, shal or may lawfully haue receyue & kepe the same landes tenementes or other hereditamentes, wherof estate shall be soo vnto them executed by the auctoritie of this acte, accordynge to the tenour of the same: any thyng in this acte conteyned, or any other acte or prouysion here-  
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tofoze had oꝛ made to the contrary not withstandynge.

**An acte concernynge clerkes of the sygnet and pry-  
uate seale. Cap. xi.**



Here as the kynges clerkes of his gracious sygnet and pry-  
uate seale, gyvenge their dayly attendances foꝛ the passing  
and wytyng of his maiesties greatte and weyghy affai-  
res, and the causes of this his realme, haue foꝛ their en-  
tertaynementes and their clerkes, no fees noꝛ wages cer-  
tayne foꝛ those offices, other than such fees as cometh a gro-  
wth of the saide sygnet & pryuate seale: To the intende that  
from henseforth they shulde not by any maner of meanes be defeated of any  
parte oꝛ portyon of the same their fees. Be it therfoze ordeyned & establisshed &  
enacted by the consent and assent of the lordes spiritual and tempozall, and  
the commons in this present parlyament assembled, and by auctoritie of the  
same, that all and every gyfte, graunte, and other wytyng, whiche shall be  
made oꝛ gyven in wytyng by the kynges highnes, oꝛ any his most noble po-  
steritie, to any person oꝛ persons, sygned with his graces signe, oꝛ the signe  
oꝛ signes manuel of any of them, to be passed vnder any his graces gret sea-  
les of England, Ireland, duchie of Lancastre, oꝛ of any his hyghnes coun-  
ties palantines oꝛ principallities of wales, oꝛ by other proces out of the chesche-  
quer, after the .xv. day of Apryll, in the .xxvii. yere of his moste noble reigne.  
And that all and every gyftes grauntes and other wytynges, of what name  
oꝛ names, qualitie oꝛ qualitties so euer the same be, oꝛ hereafter shall be na-  
med demed oꝛ called, whiche the mayster of the kynges wardes, oꝛ generall  
suruepours of the kynges landes foꝛ the tyme beinge, oꝛ any other offceer  
oꝛ officers, that now be oꝛ hereafter shall be made, shall by vertue of any  
acte of parlyamente, oꝛ any the kynges grauntes to theyn oꝛ any of theyn  
made, oꝛ hereafter to be made in that behalfe, gyue graunte oꝛ make after  
the fozsayd .xv. day of Apryll, to any person oꝛ persons in the kynges name to  
be passed vnder any his maiesties seales, be in any wise first & befoze y same  
graunt oꝛ any of them be passed vnder any the kynges sayde seales, oꝛ other  
processe made of the same, brought and deliuered to the kynges, principall  
secretarie, oꝛ to one of the kynges clerkes of his graces sygnet foꝛ the tyme  
beinge, to be at the sayd offce of the sygnet passed accordyngly.  
And be it also ordeyned & enacted by thaurtoitie aforesaid, that one of the  
clerkes of the said sygnet, to whome any the sayd wytynges, signed with the  
kynges moste gracious hande, oꝛ the hande of any other aforesaid, oꝛ any of  
them, fortune to be deliuered, may and shall by warrante of the same bylles  
and every of them, within the space of .viij. dayes next after he shal haue re-  
ceyued the same, oules he haue knowlege by the sayde Secretarie, oꝛ other  
wyse of the kynges pleasure to the contrary, make oꝛ cause to be made in the  
kynges name letters of warrantye, subscribed with the hande of the same  
clerke

clerk be; and sealed with the kynges signet to the lord keeper of the kynges priuie seale for further proces to be had in that behalfe. And that one of the kynges clerkes of the sayde priuie seale, vpon due examination had by the sayde lord keeper of the sayde priuie seale, of the sayde warrantie to hym adressed from the office of the sayde signet as afoze, maye and shall within the space of. viii. dayes next after he shall haue receyued the same, oneles the lord keeper of the priuie seale do gyue them commaundement to the contrary, make or cause to be made by warrantie of the foresayd warrant to the sayd lord keeper of the priuie seale, adressed from the office of the signet afozesayde, other letters of lyke warrantie, subscribed with the name of the same clerke of the priuie seale to the lord chauncellour of Englande, lord keeper of the great seale, chauncellour of the duchy of Lancaster, chauncellour of the kynges lande of Irelande, Treasourer and chamberlaynes of the eschequier, and chamberlaynes of any his countie palatynes or principallitie of wales, or other officer; and to euery of them, for the wytyng and ensealng with suche seales as remayne in their custody; of letters patente or closed, or other processe makynge, dewe and requisite to be had or made vpon any the sayde grauntes, accoꝝdyng to the tenour of the warrantie to them or any of them directed from the office of the priuie seale as is befoze specified.

¶ And also be it enacted by the auctoritie afozesayde, that no maner clerke or clerkes or other persone or persons, do wyte or make any maner wytinge warraunte or warrauntes vpon any maner gyfte or graunte, made by the kynges hyghnesse, or by any other his gratis officers, as afoze sayde, or procure the same or any of the same to be passed vnder any the seales afozesayd, after any other sozte maner or facyon, or by any other warraunte or warrauntes, than as befoze is specified and declared, vpon peyne to forsayte for euery bylle, warraunte, or wytyng, passed contrary to the order befoze lymitted and prescribed, the somme of. x. ponde sterlyng: The one halfe thereof to be to our soueraygne lord the kyng, and the other halfe to hym that shall fynde sewe for the same by action of dette, wytte, bylle, playnte, or infourmation in any of the kynges Courtis: in whiche action or suite no essoyne, protection, priuilege, nor wager of lawe shal be admytted: any maner acte, statute, prouyson, proclamation, or other ordynauce here tofoze hadde or made contrary to this present acte, or any artycle of the same, in any wise not withstandynge.

¶ And neuer the lesse be it also enacted, that euery of the sayde clerkes or other person, whiche shall passe in wytyng, or procure to be passed in wytyng, any graunt or grauntes by immediate warrantie, wherfoze fees be payde at the greatte Seale, shall of the parties receyue for the offices of the sayde signet and priuie seale, as well suche fees as in this acte is taxed for wytinge of any suche graunte or other wytynges, as also the fees for the seale of the same: whiche fees and euery parte and portion thereof, the same clerke or clerkes, by whome any graunt shall passe in wytyng by immediate warrantie, shall vpon a byll of the hande of one of the sayde clerkes of the sayde signet

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oꝝ priuie seale, deliuer vnto one of the same clerkes of the signette oꝝ priuie seale, within the space of thye monethes, nexte and immediatly ensuiunge after the passinge and sealyng of any the said graunt oꝝ grauntes by immediate warraunt, vppon payne of .x. li. sterlyng, to be by everye suche of the said clerkes oꝝ other persone, as shal offend, forfaited, to be leuied in soyme aforesayde, as often as he oꝝ they shal offende contrarie to the meanyng of this acte.

**P**rovided also, that this acte, oꝝ any thyng conteyned in the same, be not in any wise prejudiciall to the lord Treasorer of Englande foꝝ the tyme beinge, concernyng such warrantes oꝝ pceptes, as he by vertue of his office shal and may directe immediatly to the lord Chauncellour of Englande, oꝝ to any other person, foꝝ makynge out of the kynges grauntes oꝝ letters patentes, to any person oꝝ persons of any offices fermes of landes oꝝ tenementes, oꝝ of any other thyng belonging to his nomination and disposition: but that as well he may directe his said warrantes oꝝ pceptes foꝝ the causes aboue said, as also his clerke oꝝ clerkes, oꝝ other person may procure the same to be sealed vnder any of the seales afoze sayde, without any warrant to be befoze oꝝ after sewed oꝝ opteyned vnder the kynges signet oꝝ priuie seale foꝝ the same, in as large and ample maner, and after suche sorte and facion, as he oꝝ they myght haue done at any tyme befoze the makynge of this acte: any thyng in the same acte mencponed to the contrarie not withstandyng.

**P**rovided also, that al and every lease and leses of the kynges manours landes tenementes possessions oꝝ other profittes oꝝ hereditamentes within the countie palantine of Lancaster, oꝝ of the duchie of Lancaster, out of the said countie palantine, whiche the Chauncellour of the duchie of Lancaster foꝝ the tyme beinge, oꝝ the Chauncellour of the sayde countie palantine foꝝ the tyme beinge, oꝝ eyther of them, shal hereafter make oꝝ graunt in the name of the kyng our soueraygne lord, his heires oꝝ successours to any maner person oꝝ persons, shal and may passe and be passed vnder the seales of the sayde duchie of Lancaster, oꝝ of the sayde countie palantyne of Lancaster oꝝ of eyther of them in maner and fourme as heretofore hath benne bled and accustomed: any thyng in this presente act, befoze made to the contrary not withstandyng.

**P**rovided also, that al and every gift graūt and patēt of any maner office oꝝ offices, oꝝ any other thing beinge, oꝝ which hereafter shal be in the countie palantine of Lancaster, oꝝ of the sayd duchie of Lancaster, out of the said countie palantine, the yerely wages oꝝ fees wherof amouteth not ouer and aboue the value of. ii. pence by the day, shal and may passe and be passed by the sayd chancellour of the duchie of Lancaster, oꝝ by the said chancelloꝝ of the said countie palantine, oꝝ of eyther of them foꝝ the tyme beinge, in maner and fourme as heretofore hath benne bled and accustomed: any artycle oꝝ thyng in this present acte befoze made to the contrary not withstandyng.

**A**ND to thintent that as well suche as now be oꝝ hereafter shal be ministers



mysters and clerkes of the kynges signet and priuie seale, shulde haue and take honest and sufficient salarie and rewarde for the wytyng of the sayde warrauntes to be by them made as aforesaide, as also the kynges moste loynge faythfull and obedient subiectes, knowynge the certayne charges to be by them layd out for the wytyng of the sayd warrauntes, shuld not by any maner exaction or other sinister meanes be constrayned by any the said clerkes to pay moze large and excellue fees for the wytyng of the same, than reason and conscience shal require: Be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that all and euery clerke and clerkes of the said signet and priuie seale shall haue and take for his or theyr wytyng of a warrant vpon a bylle for tallies of rewarde. xii. d. for the wytyng of a warrant for the gyfte of euery office. xx. d. for the wytyng of a warraunte for a pension annuittie or wages. xx. d. for the wytyng of a warrant for a speciall lyuerey, or other perpetuittie. vi. s. viii. d. for the wytyng of a warrant vppon euery bylle for a congie desyre to p'all assent restitution of tēporalties donatiues aduocacions, presentations, or other ecclesiastical mattier. iii. s. iii. d. for the wytyng of euery warrant vpon a placarde lycence pardon or shiriffes rewarde. ii. s. for the wytyng of euery warrant vpon a denyzen. iii. s. iii. d. for the wytyng of a warrant for keepynge of an idiotte. xx. d. for the wytyng of a warrant for keepynge of a warde. iii. s. iii. d. And that no maner of clerke or clerkes of the signet or priuie seale afoze sayde, shall take for the wytyng of any maner warrant aboue specified, moze large and ample fees, than before is prescribed and appoynted, vppon payne of, x. li. sterlynge to be by him forsayd, that shall offende contrary to the twelue tenour and meanynge of the saide acte: the one halfe thereof to be to the kyng our souerain lord, the other half to him that shal first sue for the same by bil action plaint or information in any of the kynges courtes: In which action or suite no esloen protectyon nor wager of lawe shall be admitted.

¶ Provided also, that the lord Chauncellour of England for the time being, shall and may at all tymes vse his discretton in passinge and spedinge any thyng by the great seale, and deliuering the same, without payng any fees for the great seale signette and priuie seale, as the case of necessitie shall require, and as hath ben accustomed. And that the clerkes for wytyng or curyng such wytynges and patentēs by his cōmandment, shalbe discharged of all penalties expessed before in this acte, for not receyuinge and payinge fees to the signet and priuie seale, any thinge in this act contēnyed to the contrary hereof not withstanding.

¶ And be it furthermoze enacted by the auctoritie afoze sayd, that this present acte and euery parte and parcell thereof, shal extend to the court of thaugmentation of the reuenues of the kynges coronne, and bynde euery officer & officers, theyr clerkes, & minister, that now be & hereafter shalbe of the same court, to thobseruatiō thereof and of euery part thereof, for & concerning the sealing & wytyng of any maner patent lease or other graunt, which vpon the kynges bil signed shal passe the gret seale of the same court: any spect-

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al wordes conteyned in the act made in this present Session for the stablishment of the officers of the sayde court of chaugmentation, or any other acte or pꝛouision made to the contrary herof in any wyle not withstandinge.

**PROVIDED** neuerthelesse, that this acte nor any thyng conteyned in the same, be not in any wyle pꝛejudiciall to any maner person or personnes, whom the kynges hyghnes shal by expresse cōmandment direct sende or appoynt to pꝛocure any thyng or thynges to be sealed with any his maiesties seales, for or concernyng his maiesties pꝛiuate affaires, or the affaires of his hyghnes realme: but that as wel the same person or persons, being appoynted by the kynges hyghnes as aforesaid, as also such officer and officers, as shal haue the keepyng of any the kynges seales, they ministers and clerkes shal and maye seale wyte and deliuer, and pꝛocure the sealyng wytyng and deliueringe of any suche thyng or thynges, concerninge the kynges hyghnes affaires, as aforesayde, withoute beinge bounde to pꝛocure any maner warraunte, or payinge any maner fees at or to the signet or pꝛiuey seale for the same: so that the name or names of euery suche person or personnes as shal pꝛocure the sealing of any such thing or thynges on the kynges behalfe, as aforesayde, be entred in the clerke of the Chanaperys booke, after this forte, per, A. ad mandatum domini regis: any thyng in this act conteyned to the contrary not withstandinge.

**PROVIDED** also, that this acte nor any thyng conteyned in the same, be not in any wise pꝛejudiciall to any maner person or personnes, whiche here after shal haue by the kynges hyghnes, or by any his maiesties officers, the graunt or lease of any maner ferme or fermes to be sealed with any his hyghnes seales, the yerely rente wherof amounteth not aboue the somme of, vi. li. xii. s. iiii. d. sterlyng: but that as well euery suche person and personnes, as officer and officers, haupyng the custody of such seale or seales, they ministers and clerkes, may write seale and deliuer, or pꝛocure the wytyng sealyng and deliueringe of any suche lease or leases, as aforesayde, without payinge therfore any maner fees at or to the signet or pꝛiuey seale for the same: any thyng in this acte mencioned to the contrary not withstandinge.

**An acte for true makynge of wollen clothes. cap. xii.**



**F**or as moch as great infamy and sclaunder hath risen of late yeres in sondry outwarde parties beyonde the see, of the untrue makynge of wollen clothes within this realme, to the great derogation of the common weale of the same, & to the no lyttell hynderaunce of the sale of the sayd comoditie. For remedy wherof be it ordeyned and enacted by the kyng our soueraygne lord, the lordes spirituall and tempoꝛall, and the commons in this presente palparmente assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that after the feaste of sayncte Michell tharchaungell nexte commynge, all and euery clothier within this realme, shal weaue or cause to be wouen his or theyr

they; severall token or marke in all and every clothe, kersey, and other clothes what so ever they be, made and wrought to be uttered and sold. And whan any suche clothe shall be redy made and dyessed to be put to sale, every of the same clothiers shall sette his seale of leade vnto every of the same his or they; clothes and kersyes, in whiche seale of leade shall be conteyned the true and iuste length of every of the same clothes or kersyes, as it shall be duly founde by every buyer of the same, vpon due p[ro]ofe therof to be tried by the water. And in case v[er]y any suche p[ro]ofe to be made by any buyer of them at the water, there shall be found lesse or smaller content in length, than is conteyned and specified in every of they; sayde seales: than every of the said clothiers makynge suche defaulte shall lese and forsayte vnto every such buyer of the same, the double value of so moche clothe as shall wante and lacke of his sayde content in length, at the onely syght and iugement of any two indifferent persons, that shall measure the same clothes and kersyes. And every clothier sendynge or puttyng any of they; clothes to sale, before such tyme as all and ever of the same clothes shall be sealed by the a[n]nager of the same countie, where it shall chance any of the said clothes so to be made: and also to be ordred and sealed by every of the said clothiers in forme afoze sayde, shall lese and forsayte his clothe or clothes, what so ever they be, the one half therof shall be to the kinges highnes, his heires and successours, and the other halfe to him or them that woll sue for the same by bylle, playnt, action of dette, or otherwise: in whiche action no wager of lawe, essoen, or p[ro]tection shall be allowed.

And it is further enacted by auctoritie afoze sayde, that after the said feast of saynt Michell tharchaungell, every byode clothe shall conteyne in byede seven quarters of a yerde within the listis at the leaste, and to hold the same content alwaies if it be p[ro]ved at the water: The acte made in the firste yere of the reigne of our saide soueraine lord, that every byode clothe shuld conteyne two yardes in byede within the listis, or any other thynge therein conteyned, touchinge the keepinge of the same byede of two yardes, in any wise not withstandinge. And every kersey shall conteyne in byede one yerde within the listis at the least, if it be p[ro]ved in the water: vpon paine to forsayte for every suche byode cloth. iii. s. iii. d. and for every such kersey. xx. d. To be recouered to the vse of the kinges highnes, and of any other that wol sue for the same in maner and forme befoze declared.

Provided alwaies, that this present acte extende not to any clothes, called set clothes, of all sortes made in the countie of Suff. not excedynge the price of. xlvi. s. viii. d. the cloth, nor to any clothes called Tauestockes, westerne dosynnes, fryses, kendals, cottons, and all maner of course clothes, made for lynynges.

And be it further enacted by the sayde auctoritie, that the a[n]nager of any countie shall not seale any of the said clothes with the kynges seale, vntyll suche time as they and every of them shall be firste ordred and sealed with they; contentis, acco[r]dyng to the trewe meanynge of this presente acte, in  
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fourme aforesayd, vpon payne of lesynge of his office. And that no buyer of any of the sayde clothes or kerseys, marked and sealed in fourme aforesayde, presume by any maner of sleight, meanes or ingines, to drawe, pull, or to stretch out any of the same clothes or kerseys, otherwise than to make them euen after they be wette, and to agree with the contentes specified and conteyned in the seale of euery of the same clothes and kerseys, as nere as they canne, vpon payne to forsaite the double value of euery clothe or kersey, so mysused contrary to the true intent and meapnyge of this present act, To be leuied to the vse of the kynges highnes, and of any other that will sue for the same, in lyke maner and fourme as is befoze declared.

**P**rovided alwey, that al clothe here after made to be sold within the citie of Worcester, the towne of Droitwich, Guesham, Kerdminster, and Bromesgroue, in the countie of Worcester, shall be sealed with the seale of the serchers there, accoꝝdyng to an acte of parlyament in that behalfe provided and made, the. xrb. yere of the reygne of our sayde souerayne lord, and that the owners of the clothes made within the sayde citie and towne, shall not be compelled by this act, to put theyꝝ owne seales to any clothes there made, or here after to be made.

**I**n acte that whyte wollen clothes of. iiii. li. and vnder: and colored clothes of. iiii. li. and vnder, maye be from hensfoꝝ the caried ouer the see. cap. xiii.



**W**here as by acte of parlyament, holden in the. v. yere of the reigne of our souerayne lord the king that nowe is, it was ordeyned and enacted, that no wollen cloth aboue the price of fyue markes, shulde be conueyed ouer the see vntowed, vnbarbed, and vnshorne, vpon certayne penalties in the same acte expꝛessed moze at large. Whiche acte being put in execution, shall not onely redounde and tourne to the abatemētes of the kynges customes, but also growe to the vtter vndoinge of his gracies subiectes, cloth makers and marchauntes, conueyers of the said clothes: by reason that wolle is rypen to a farre greater price, than it was at the makynge of the foresayde acte. foꝝ where a clothe was then commonly solde at fyue markes, it is nowe solde foꝝ foure poundes. And also by foꝝce of the sayde acte, the marchantes shuld be bound to dresse euery white cloth aboue the value of fyue markes on this syde the see, after that they haue bought them: whiche white clothe so dꝛessed, whan they be brought in to the parties beyonde the see, and there by þ buyers of them died & put in colours, than they muste be newly dꝛessed, barbed, shorne, and rowed: and soo they shal be therby the lesse in substance of them selves, and the woꝝse to the sale, and solde foꝝ lesse price by tenne or twelue shillinges a pece beyonde the see, then they shulde be vndressed. Wherfoꝝe be it ordeyned and enacted by the kyng our souerayne lord, his lordes spirituall and tempoꝝall, and the commons

mons in this presente parlyament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that every white wollen cloth sold for foure poundes and vnder: & every coloured clothe sold for thre poundes and vnder, maye be caried and conueyed into the parties of beyonde the see, there to be sold at the pleasure of the buyers of the sayde clothe or clothes vnbarbed vnshorne and vnrowed: any acte or actes to the contrary made not withstandinge.

And ouer this be it ordeyned and enacted, by the sayde auctoritie, that if any person or personnes sende or conuey, or cause to be sente and conueyed into the parties beyonde the see, any white wollen clothe aboue the value of foure poundes, or any coloured clothe aboue the price of thre poundes vnrowed, vnbarbed, and vnshorne, in other fourme than is afoze said: that then the person or persons so offendynge, shall forsaye the value of the sayde clothes, so caried and conueyed into the parties beyond the see: The one mortie of the same forsayture to be to the vse of our sayde soueraygne lord the kynge, and the other mortie to every person whiche woll or shall sue by bill, wyte, information, or other wyse agaynst any person for the same. And that the defendand in any plee, vpon any suche action be not admytted to wage his lawe, nor any protection or esoyne for any suche defendand be allowed in the same.

An acte concernynge the custome of lether. cap. xiiii.

**W**here greate quantitie and moche haboundaunce of lether is dayly conueyed out of this realme, as well by estrangeges as also by tanners and other the kynges subiectes, inhabited in diuers parties of this realme towarde the see costes, and in especially out of wales, Cheshyre, and Cornewal, where lytel or no custome is paid for the same, which lether is commonly packed by the saide estrangers tanners and other the kynges subiectes in theyr houses, and so conueyed vnto the portes and hauens, where they entende to shyp the same: whiche packes so conueyed and brought to such portes and hauens to be shyped, be neuer there vnpacked, to be viewed what nombze of lether is conteyned in any suche packe, but entered in the customers booke by and vpon the information and repozte of the saide estrangers tanner or other personne transporter of the same lether. And al. be it that the kynges hyghnes in suche places and portes hath very lytell custome payde for the same, yet for as moche as in suche places there is no better serche nor viewe hadde for the perfecte knowlege of the number and quantitie of the lether, soo by them packed, the kynges grace is moche deceyued of suche his customes as owghte therfore to accrue to his hyghnes. For where in the porte of London two personnes be named and appoynted by the wayer of the wolles within the same porte for the tyme beyng, to tel and nombze all suche lether by the hyde, accomptynge ten hides to the dyker, and also all woll felles, as within the same porte shall be shyped frome tyme to tyme, which

which two persons be sworn before the customers of his great custom, truly and duly to do and execute their offices, in telling and numbering all such leather and wolf-skins in the presence of the said customers, and of the comptroller of the same customs or of their deputies, who being present and viewing the same, do make entree thereof in their books. And after such rate made and entree taken, an other person by the mayor of London for the time being constituted and appointed, is also sworn, to packe the same leather so told and entered in to the customers books, every of the same teller & packers takinge such fees for their labours, as of olde tyme have ben used, permitted and accustomed, every stranger halenge for custome of every beker iii. s. ix. d. and every denizen, iii. s. i. d. which lyke custome is also payed in the port of Hampton, but not in many other portes of this realme, specially in Wales, Cheshyre, and Cornwale, out of the which parties, by reason of such final customes, moze leather is conveyed ouer the see, than out of other places of this realme, which is an occasion of the dearth and greater prices of the same leather. For the redresse wherof, and to thentente that one manner of custome for every such beker of leather so conveyed ouer the see, as wel by denizens as strangers, shalbe payde thowout this realme, Wales, and other the kynges dominions: and also that the kynges hyghnes maye be the better assured of his customes to be payed for all such leather as shalbe hereafter caried and conveyed ouer the see. Be it enacted by the auctorite of this present parlyament, that from henceforth no manner of stranger nor denizen shal packe or cause to be packed any manner of leather, to be conveyed or shipped ouer the see out of this realme Wales or other the kynges dominions, other wyse than in this acte is expressed, that is to saye, that all such leather shal be hereafter packed by a packer sworn in every such port, where any leather shalbe shipped to be conveyed out of this realme Wales or other the kynges dominions, upon payne of forfeiture of al such leather as hereafter shalbe packed contrary to the purpose of this acte, or of the value thereof. And also that from henceforth every stranger and denizen, which shal ship sende or convey any leather ouer the see, out of any parte of this realme Wales Cheshyre or other the kynges dominions, shal paye like custome for the same, as is used to be payd within the port of London, that is to saye, every stranger to paye for every beker of leather for custome iii. s. ix. d. And every denizen, iii. s. i. d.

And be it also enacted, that within every port haven and Creke within this Realme Wales and other the kynges dominions, where no tellers nor packers at this presente tyme be, nor before the makinge of this acte have ben, that from henceforth the customers and comptrollers of every such port haven and creke, where such leather shal be shipped to be conveyed in to the parties beyonde the see, shal have power by auctorite of this acte, to name constitute and appoynte one able person, to tell and nombre all such leather as shal be at any tyme there shipped, which persone so named, shal be sworn by the customer and Comptroller of every such porte, haven, and Creke,



**C**reke, trewely and dewely to execute his office in the presence of the customer and comptroller of every suche portes creke or haven, where any suche lether shall be shippyd, or of his or their deputie or deputies, the same teller takynge of every estranger for the tellyng of every dyker of lether sixe pence: wherof the same teller to haue for his labour two pence, and foure pence to be to the commynaltie of the same towne and portes, towarde the payment of their fee ferme and other their charges: And of every denysen, not beinge a free man of the sayde portes and haven, for every dyker, foure pence, wherof the teller to haue two pence, and other two pence to be to the commynaltie of the same portes or haven, for the tent aboute declared: And of every dyker by any persone beinge a free man of suche portes and haven, but onely two pence for his labour. And that immediatly after suche tale hadde, and entre therof made by the customer or his deputie, an other able persone named deputed and assigned by the sayd customers and comptrollers of every suche portes & haven, and befoze them twoyne, trewely and dewely to do and execute his office, shall packe all suche lether, so tolde and entered, every packe to containe as many dyker vnder the nombze of seven dyker, as it shall please the marchant or owner therof to appoynte, takynge for his labour for the packynge of every packe foure pence.

**A**nd be it further enacted by the sayde autoritie, that if any packer take hypon hym to packe any lether befoze it be tolde or numbzed, and entre therof made by the customer or his deputie, or at any tyme packe moze lether then shall be tolde and entered, accoꝝdyng to the purpoꝛte of this acte: that then the same packer to forsayte and lose for every tyme doynge the contrary, v. li. and to suffre therfoze imprisonment at the kynges pleasure. And also that if the teller within any suche portes or haven, at any tyme hereafter, take hypon him to tel or numbze any lether in the absense of the customer comptroller, or of his or their deputie or deputies, than the same teller for every tyme so doynge to lose and forsayte fyne markes.

**A**nd for as moche as dyuers estrangers carry and conuey theyr lether fro one portes to an other, and by the way cause the same lether to be packed, whiche pakes so conueyed be not vndone nor opened at theyr arriual within the portes, wherunto they be so transported: but there only entered by and vpon the reporte & information of the marchant estranger, or of his factour, when by moche customers is conueyed: Be it therfoze also enacted by the sayde autoritie, that if any estranger, or other his factour, at any tyme hereafter, do conuey & carie any lether, from one portes to an other, to the intent to ship the same in suche other portes, wherunto it shall be soo conueyed, the same estranger or other his factour for hym, befoze suche transportynge of the same lether, shall cause the sayde lether, first to be tolde within the same portes, from whense he woll or intendeth to carie the same: and the same soo tolde cause to be entered by the customer of the same portes, or his deputie: and cause to be also packed by the sayde packer of the sayde portes, where it shall be so tolde, takynge of the customer or customers of the same portes

or haven, or they? deputie or deputies a certificate, expyessynge the nombre or quantitie of diuers of all the same lether, so to be caried and transported, directed to the custome of the other port or haven, wherunto the same lether shall be so conueied, makynge mention also in the same certificat, whether the custome therof accorpyngely be trewely payed or not. And in case any suche lether be caried or conueyed frome one porte to an other, ther to be shippyed, without haupnge of suche certificate: that then the same lether, or the value therof to be forsafted.

And be it furthre enacted, that no tanner within this realme, wales, or other the kynges dominions, or other persons occuppyng or haupng a tanne house, shall from henseforth sende or cause to be conueied ouer the see, by way of marchandysse or otherwys, any maner of lether tanned or vntanned, vpon payne of forsafture of all suche lether, or the value therof. Nor that any person or persones at any tyme hereafter, shall carry or conuey ouer the see out of this realme, wales, or other the kynges dominions, any salte or vntanned hides, or any lether called backes or sole lether, the kynges speciall lycence not opteyned for the same, vpon payne of forsafture of all suche hides and lether called backes or sole lether, or the value therof: The one halfe of all the sayde forsaftures to be to the kynges highnes, and the other halfe to any of his subiectes, that wyl pursewe for the same in any his courtes by action dette, byl, playnte, information, or otherwys, in whiche suite none esloen protection wayer of lawe or other otatozie plee for the defendandt shall be admitted or allowed.

Provided alwayes, that this acte or any thyng therein conteyned, shall not be hurtfull, nor prejudicial to any captayne of any shyppe in the tyme of warre, beinge in the retinue and seruice of the kynges highnes: Nor to any owner or maister of any shyppe beinge the kynges subiecte, goynge into Irelande, Danske, Norwey, or Southwarde beyonde the estraictes: but that euery suche captayne and maister of euery suche shyppe, duringe the warre tyme, and euery maister to suche shippes, passynge into the places before named, may and shall at they? pleasure haue and carie salte hides in their shippes, so that euery of them shall not haue at suche tyme, or during the warre, at any one tyme aboue the nombre of eghte salte hides: This acte or any thyng therein conteyned to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Provided alwayes, that hides vntanned of any beastes, beinge kyled within wales or the marches therof may be conueyed and caried in to our wardes parties by any person or persones from tyme to tyme, except only by tanners, and suche as haue tanne houses, in suche and lyke maner as they myght haue benne before the makynge of this acte, any thyng in the same mencioned to the contrary notwithstanding.

An acte wherby the kynges maiestie shall haue power to nominate. xxxii. persons of his clergie and laye see for mai-  
kyng of ecclesiasticall lawes. Cap. xv.

**W**hen the beginninge of this present parlyament there is an act ordeyned and establyshed accoꝝdyng to the purpoꝝte and effecte as hereafter foloweth, that is to say, where the kynges humble and obedient subiectes, the clergie of this realme of Englande, haue not onely knowleged accoꝝdyng to the truthe, that the conuocations of the same clergie is alwayes hath ben and oughte to be assembled onely by the kynges wytte, but also submittyng them selves to the kynges maiestie, hath promysed in verbo sacerdotii, that they wyll neuer from hensfoꝝth presume to attempt allege claime oꝝ put in bre, oꝝ enact promulge oꝝ execute any newe canons constitutions oꝝdinances pꝛouinciall oꝝ other, oꝝ by what so ever other name they shall be called in the conuocation, onelesse the kynges most roial assent and lycence may to them be had to make promulge and execute the same, and that his maiestie do gyue his moste roiall assent and auctozitie in that behalfe: and where diuers constitutions oꝝdinances and canons pꝛouinciall oꝝ synodall, whiche heretofore haue ben enacted, and be thought not onely to be moche pꝛejudiciall to the kynges pꝛerogatiue roial, and repugnant to the lawes & statutes of this realme, but also ouer moch onerous to his hyghnes & his subiectes, the sayd clergie hath most humbly besought the kynges highnes, that the saide constitutions and canons may be comitted to the examination, and iudgment of his hyghnes and of. xxxii. persons of the kynges subiectes, wherof. xvi. to be of the upper and nether house of the parlyament of the tempoꝝaltie, and other. xvi. to be of the clergie of this realme, and all the sayde. xxxii. persons to be cholen and appoynted by the kynges maiestie, and that suche of the sayde constitutions and canons as shall be thought and determyned by the sayd. xxxii. persons, oꝝ the moze part of them, worthy to be abrogated and adnulled, shall be abolyte and made of no value accoꝝdyngely: And suche other of the same constitutions and canons, as by the said. xxxii. oꝝ the moze part of them, shall be approued to stand with the lawes of god, and consonaunt to the lawes of this realme, shall stand in their full strengthe and power, the kynges moste roiall assente fyrst had and opteyned to the same: Be it therfoze nowe enacted by auctozitie of this present parlyament, accoꝝdyng to the sayde submission and petition of the sayde clergie, that they ne any of them from hensfoꝝthe shall presume to attempt allege claime oꝝ put in bre any constitutions oꝝ oꝝdinances pꝛouinciall oꝝ synodalles, noꝝ any other canons: Noꝝ shall enacte promulge oꝝ execute any suche canons constitutions oꝝ oꝝdinances pꝛouincial, by what so euer name oꝝ names they maye be called in their conuocations in tyme coming, which shall be alway assembled by auctozitie of the kynges wytt, onlesse the same clergie may haue the kynges most roiall assente and lycence to make promulge & execute such canons constitutions & oꝝdinances pꝛouinciall oꝝ synodals,



balles, bypon peyne of euerpe one of the sayde clergye, doinge contrarie to this act, and beinge therof conuicte, to suffre imprisonmente and make fyne at the kynges wyl.

¶ And for as moche as suche canons constitutions and ordinaunces, as here tofore hath benne made by the clergye of this realme, canne not nowe at the session of this present parlyament, by reason of shorvenes of tyme, be viewed examyned and determynd by the kynges highnes and .xxxi. persons to be chosen and appoynted accoꝝdyng to the petition of the sayd clergye in forme aboue reherced: Be it therfore enacted by auctozitie aforesayde, that the kynges hyghnes shall haue power and auctozitie, to nominate and assigne at his pleasure the sayde .xxxi. persones of his subiectes, wherof .xvi. to be of the clergye, and .xvi. to be of the tempozaltie, of the vpper and nether house of the parlyament. And if any of the sayde .xxxi. persons so chosen, shal happen to dye befoze their full determination, than his hyghnes to nominate other from tyme to tyme of the sayde .ii. houses of parlyament, to supplie the nombe of the sayd .xxxi. And that the same .xxxi. by his hyghnes so to be named, shall haue power and auctozite to viewe serche and examine the said canons constitutions & ordinaunce pꝛouincial and synodal heretofore made; and such of them as the kynges hyghnes and the sayd .xxxi. or the moze parte of them shal deme and adudge woꝝthy to be continued kept and obeyed, shal be from thensforth kepte obeyed and executed within this realme, so that the kynges most royal assent vnder the greate seale, be by the had to the same: And the residue of the sayde canons constitutions and ordinaunces pꝛouincial, whiche the kynges highnes & the sayd .xxxi. persons, or the moze parte of them shall not appꝛoue, or deme and iudge woꝝthy to be abolite, abrogate & made frustrate, shal from thensforth be voyde and of none effect, and neuer be put in execution within this realme.

¶ Pꝛouyded alway, that no canons constitutions or ordinaunce shal be made and put in execution within this realme, by auctozite of the conuocation of the clergye, whiche shal be contrariant or repugnant to the kynges pꝛerogatiue royal, or the customes lawes or statutes of this realme: any thyng conteyned in this acte to the contrary herof notwithstandinge.

¶ Pꝛouyded also, that suche canons constitutions ordinaunces and synodals pꝛouincial beinge all redy made, which be not contrariant nor repugnant to the lawes statutes and customes of this realme, nor to the damage or hurte of the kynges pꝛerogatiue royal, shal be nowe styl bled and executed as they were befoze the makynge of this acte, tyll such tyme as they be viewed serched or otherwyle ordered and determynd by the sayde .xxxi. persones or the moze part of them, accoꝝdyng to the tenour forme & effect of this present act: as by the saide act amonges other thynges moze at large is expꝛessed.

¶ And for as moche as the kynges hyghnes hath not named and assigned the sayd .xxxi. persons sithen the makinge of the sayd act: be it therfore enacted by auctozitie of this parlyament, that the kynges maiestie shall haue full power and auctozitie, as well afoze as after the dissolution of this presente parlyament

parliament at his libertie and pleasure to name and assigne. xvi. persons of the clergy, & xvi. lay persons of the tempozalte. And if after such nomination any of the sayd persons happen to deceasse, that then the kinges highnes shal haue power and auctoritie to nominate and assigne from time to tyme, other in their places, to supply the nombze of the said. xxxii. And that the said. xxxii. persons so to be nominated by his maiestie, at all tymes from henceforth for the terme of thre yeres next after the dissolution of this parliament, shal haue power and auctoritie to assemble them selves to gether from tyme to tyme by the kynges commaundement, for the dewe and persepghte execution of the sayd act, accordyng to the ententes and true meanyng of the same, any thyng in the sayd acte to the contrary hereof notwithstanding.

An acte concernynge enrolmentes of bargaynes and contractes of landes and tenementes. cap. xvi.



It is enacted by the auctorite of this present parlyament, that from the laste date of Julii, whiche shall be in the yere of our lordz god. M. D. XXXVI. no manours landes tenementes or other hereditamentes shal passe alter or chaunge from one to a nother, wherby any estate of inherytaunce or free hold shal be made or take effecte in any person or personnes, or any vse therof to be made by reason onely of any bargayne and sale therof, excepte the same bargayne and sale be made by writing indented sealed and intolled in one of the kinges courtes of record at wellmynster. or els within the same countie, or counties, where the same manours landes or tenementes so bargained & sold shal be, before the custos Rotulorum and. ii. iustices of the peace, and the clerke of the peace, of the same countie or counties, or two of them at the leaste, wherof the clerke of the peace to be one: and the same enrolment to be had and made within sixe monethes next after the date of the same wrytynges indented, the same custos Rotulorum or iustices of the peace & clerke takynge for the enrolment of every such wrytyng indented before them; where the lande comprised in the same wrytinge excede not the yerely value of. xl. s. two shyllinges, that is to saye. xii. d. to the iustices, and. vi. to the clerke: And for the enrollemente of every suche wrytinge indented before them, wherin the lande comprised excede the some of. xl. s. in yerely value. v. s. that is to saye. i. s. vi. d. to the sayd iustices, and. ii. s. vi. d. to the sayd clerke for the enrolling of the same. And that the clerke of the peace for the tyme beinge within euery suche countie, shal sufficiently enrol and engrosse in parchement the same dedes or wrytinges indented, as is aforesayde, and the colles thereof at the end of every yere shal deliuer vnto the sayde custos Rotulorum of the same countie for the tyme beinge, there to remayne in the custody of the sayde custos Rotulorum for the tyme beinge amongst other recordes of every of the same counties, where any suche enrollementes shalbe so made; to the end that every partie that hath to doo therewith maye resorte and see the effect of the same

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**C**ounded alwayes, that this acte, nor any thyng therein conteyned, extende to any maner londes tenementes or hereditamentes, lyenge or being within any cite borough or town corporate within this realme, wherein the mayres, recorder, chāberlains, bailiffes, or other officer or officers have auctoritie or have lawfully used to entroll any evidences debtes or other wrytynge within their precinct or limittes, any thinge in this acte conteyned to the contrary notwithstanding.

**A**n acte concernynge suche as ben put in trust by theyr maysters, and after do robbe them. Cap. xlii.



Where before this time divers & many evyl disposed psones have often & many tymes taken and stolen fro their maisters & maystresses divers Jewels, plate, money, and other goodes and cattelles, to the greate hurte and losses of thei sayde maysters and maystresses. And not withstandinge the heinous offence contrary to the trust that the maister or maistresse putteth in the servantes, & contrary to the saythe that the servaunt of duetie shulde beare to his maister or maystresse, yet whan they have bene arrayned of the sayde felonies, manye of them have ben admitted to their clergy, and some of them have bene admittted to take the pryvilege of sanctuary, as other felons have benne for offences not so heynous, to the greatte boldenes of other persones to committe suche lyke offences. Well therfore enacted, ordeined, and established by the kynge our soweraygne lord, with thassent of the lordes spiritual and temporall, and the commons in this present parlyament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that if from henceforth any servaunt for the tyme beinge in servyce of any person or persons happen to steale or felonously take awaye any Jewelles, money, plate, or other goodes or cattelles of his sayde maister or maystresse, or if hereafter any servaunte, to whome any casket, Jewelles, money, goodes or cattelles shall be delivred by his sayde maister or maystresse, or by any other to their use, withdrawe them selfe fro their sayde maisters or maystresses, and goo awaye with the sayde casket, Jewelles, money, goodes, or other cattelles, or any parte therof contrary to the trust and confidence to hym or them putte by his or their sayde maister or maystresse, or elles beinge in the servyce of his sayde maister or maystresse, without the assente or commaundement of his sayde maister or maystresse, he embeselle the same casket, Jewelles, money, goodes, or cattelles, by any parte therof, or other wise converte the same to his owne use, with lyke purpose to steale it, if the sayde casket, Jewelles, plate, money, goodes or cattelles, that any such person shal take fro his maister or maystresse, be to the value of xli. s. or above, or if the sayde casket, Jewelles, goodes, money or cattelles, that any such servaunt after delivry of the same, shall go awaye with, or whiche he shal embesell with purpose to steale it, as is aforesaid, be of the value of xli. s.



or above, that then every such servant, that so shall stele fro his said master or maysters any such Jewelles goods or catels, or imbesel any casket Jewels money plate or other goods to him deliuered, in maner before reherced, and be founde gilty therof, or of any parcell of the same, according to the law of the lande, or vpon his arraynement before any Justice confesse the same, shall from henceforth be put from his clergy, and be put to execution, as if he were no clerke.

And be it further enacted by thautozitee aforesaid, that every such person or persones, that so shall stele the goodes of his sayde master or maysters, or imbesel that that so to him shall be deliuered, as is aforesaid, if the same goodes be of the value of .xl.s. as is aforesaid, shall lose the priuilege of all faynouries: Any vse or custome heretofore had or vsed to the contrary notwithstanding.

An acte for the preservation of the ryuer of Thamise, Cap. xlviii.



Where before this time the riuer of Thamis among al other ryuers within this realme hath ben accepted and taken, and as it is in dede moste commodious and profitable to all the kinges liege people, and chiefly of all other frequented and vsed, as well by the kinges highnes, his estates and nobles marchauntes and other repaying to the citi of London and other places wheres and counties adioyninge to the same, whiche ryuer of Thamis is and hath bene moste mete and convenient of all other for the safeguard and ordering of the kinges shawie, conueyance of marchandise, and other necessities to and for the kinges most honorable household, and otherwise to the great reliefe and comfort of all persons wyth in this realme till now of late diuers euill disposed persones partly by mysordering of the sayd riuer by casting in of dunge and other fylthe laped nyghe the bankes of the sayd ryuer, digging and undermining of the bankes and walles next adioyninge to the same riuer, carpyng and conueyenge away of wayes wydes, moies, piles, bozdes, timber worke, balest for shippes, and other thinges from the said bankes and walles in sundry places: by reason wherof great shelles and risinges haue of late bene made and growen in the far way of the sayd ryuer, and suche groundes as lye wythin the leuell of the sayd water marke by occasion therof haue ben surrounded and ouerflown by rage of the sayd water, and many great breaches haue ensued and followed there vpon, and daily are like to do, and the sayd riuer of Thamis to be utterly destroyed for euer, if conueniente and speedy remedie be not soner provided in that behalfe.

For reparation wherof be it enacted established and ordeyned by the king our soueraygne lord, and by thassent of the lordes spiritual and temporal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, that if any person or persones, hereafter do or procure any thing

to be done in the amending of the streame in the sayd ryuer of Chamys, making of shelpes by any maner of meanes by minyng, digging, castyng of dunge, rubbish or other thing in the same ryuer, or take plucke or conuey away anye bourdes, stakes, pillars, timbze worke, or other thinge from the said bankes or walles, excepte it be to amende and repayre the same agayn or digge or undermine any bankes or walles vpon the water side of Chamys aforesaid, to the hurte impayring or damage of any of the sayd walles, or dikes: Than the same person or persons and euery of them shal forsayre and pay for euery tyme so offendinge, one hundred shillinges, the one moiety therof to be to the king our soueraygne lord, & the other moiety therof to the mayre & commonaltie of London for the tyme beyng, the same to be recovered and obtayned by the mayre and commonaltie of London, by byll playnt writ of dette or informacion seuerally agaynst euery offendour in anye of the kinges courtes, in which actions and sutes or any of them the partie defendand shall not be alloyned nor wage his lawe nor any protection to be allowed in the same.

And it is further enacted by auctorite aforesaid, that if complaynt shall happen to be made to the lord Chauncellour of England, lord tresourer lord president of the kinges counsil, lord priue seale, or to any of the, by any person or persons or body polityke, that say Thomas Sperte knyght, now hauing the office and ordering of and for ballasting for Whippes, or any other that here after shall haue the sayde office and order for ballastynge of Whippes, do take any balest for Whippes nere to said riuer of Chamys, and do not take for parcel of the sayde ballastynge the grauell and sande of the shelpes betwene Greneythe and Wychemonde wythin the sayde ryuer of Chamys, or in any place or places, that is or shalbe to the damage or annoyauce of the sayde ryuer of Chamys, or any parte therof: that then vpon euery such complaynt the sayde lord Chauncellour, lord Tresourer, lord president of the kinges moste honourable counsaile, lord priue seale, and euery of them, calling bothe the chiefe Iustices of eyther benche or one of them, shall haue power and auctorite from tyme to tyme, to here and finally determine euery such complaint by their discretions, and to put such order therein, and for taking of balest for Whippes vpon euery such complaynt, as by their discretions shall seme moste conuenient for the conseruation of the said ryuer of Chamys and the parties offendinge such order, shall suffer imprisonment, and make no lesse fine than fife pounde to the kynges vse, for euery tyme offending or breaking the same.

It is provided alwaies and be it enacted, that it shal be lawfull to euery persn and persons to dygge, caule and take away sande grauel or any other rubbish or thing lieng or beyng in or vpon any shelve or shelpes wythin the said riuer of Chamys, with out let or interruption of any person or persons, or paying any thing for the same, any thing conteyned in this presents acts to the contrary not withstanding.

An acte limiting an order for sanctuary and sanctuary  
any persons. Cap. xij.



Here vpon trust of sanctuaryes and the licencious liberties that heretofore haue ben and yet daylie ben vsed in the same, diuers persons haue bene the more bolde to perpetrate and commit manie detestable murders, rapes, robberies, theftes, and other mischeuous detestable and abhominable dedes, for that they haue ben alwayes releued, ayded and succurred by the sanctuaryes, whan so euer and as ofte as they or any of them haue offended in any of the premises, to the moste greuous displeasure of almighty god, and extreme detriment & hurt of the kinges subiectes: In auoydinge of suche presumptuous boldenes. It is enacted ordeyned and established by the kinge our Soueraygne lord, with the assent of his lordes spiritual and tempozall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctoritee of the same, that all and singuler person or persons, which now be or at any time hereafter shalbe privileged in any sanctuary, within any of the kinges dominions for murder or felony, from the first day of May next comminge, shall dayly, when so euer he or they be without the house or mansion, wherein they haue theyr lodging, weare a badge or cognisance, by the gouernour of euery sanctuary to bee assigned and appoynted, openly, vpon theyr upper garment, of the compass in length and bredth of tenne inches, vpon payne that they and euery of them, whan so euer and as often as any of them beynge out of the sayde house or mansion, wherein he hath his sayd lodging, shall be founden and taken wythout the same badge or cognisance, clearly to lose and forsaue his or theyr privilege and auantage of sanctuary. And that it shall be lawfull to all and singuler the kinges subiectes to apprehend and take euery such offender and offenders, beynge wythout his badge or cognisance, as aforesayde: and him to bring out of the sanctuary into the next gaole, there to remaine vnto the next gaole deliuer, and then to be tryed accordyng to the due course and order of the lawe, as though he had neuer ben privileged in any such sanctuary.

And also be it enacted by the auctoritee aforesayd, that no maner of said privileged persons, at any time hereafter beare, occupie or weare vpon them any maner of sword, knife or other weapon, other than theyr meate knyues, and the same meate knyues but at theyr meales only, vnder pena as is aboue recited.

Furthermoze be it enacted by the sayde auctoritee, that if any of the said privileged persons at any time after the sayd first May daye, fortune to be founde apprehended or taken out of his or theyr lodging, before the son risinge in the morninge, or after the sonne goynge downe in the eveninge, the same privileged person so founde apprehended or taken shall at the first tyme, for his so offending, suffer imprisonment within the same sanctuary, by the space of ii. dayes, and at the seconde time to haue imprisonment by the



the space of fyve dayes, and at the thyrde time that he shalbe so founden apprehended or taken out of his sayd lodging, contrary to the order befoze mentioned, and the same being substantially proued by indifferent proues therof to be made befoze the lord chauncellour of England for the tyme beyng to forsaite and lose his or theyr priuilege of sayntuarie.

Also be it further enacted by the sayd auctorite, that if any maner of saintuarie person or persons of preperred malice at any time hereafter doo reskew or resiste any of the gouernours aforesaide, or theyr deputies, in executing of theyr office in taking and imprisoning of any of the persones privileged, offendinge contrarie to the tenour of this acte, that then he or they that shall fortune to make reskewes: shall be hereafter taken out of saintuarie, and to suffice and be tried as felons in every thyng.

And ouer that it be enacted by the auctorite aforesayd, that all maner of contractes of det vnder. r. s. trespasses & couenantes, that at any time hereafter shall happen to be made or grow within any of the sayde saintuaries betwene any of the said privileged person or persons and other inhabitants within any suche sentuarie that the gouernours or theyr deputie of any of the same saintuaries, where any such contract trespass or couenante shall fortune to be made grow or be, as is aforesayd, shall haue full power & auctorite by this present act, to order iudge and determine the same, according as it shalbe dewly there proued afoze the sayd gouernour or gouernours.

An acte conteynynge an order for tythes through the realme. Cap. xx.

**F**or as muche as diuers noumbres of euill dysposed persons, inhabited in sundry countres, cities, townes, and places of this realme, hauing no respecte to theyr dueties to almyghty god but agaynst right and good conscience haue attempted to subtraite and withholde in some places the whole, and in some places great partes of theyr tythes and oblations as wel personal as prediall due vnto God and holy Church, and pursuynge suche theyr detestable enormities and iniuries, haue attempted in late tyme past to dysobey contemne and dispise the procelle, lawes and decrees of the ecclesiastical courttes of this realme, in more temerous and large maner than befoze thys time hath ben sene. For refozmation of whyche sayde iniuries, and for vnitie and peace to be preserved amongst the kynges subiectes of this realme, our souerayne lord the kyng, beyng suppremehead in erthe vnder God of the Church of Englande, willinge the spirytuall ryghtes and duities of that Church, to be preserved continued and maynteyned, hath ordeyned and enacted by auctorite of this present parliament, that euerie of his subiectes of thys realme of Englande Irelande wales and Cailes and marches of the same according to the ecclesiastical lawes and ordinaunces of hys church of Englande, & after the laudable vsages and customes of theyr parish or other place where he dwelleth or occupieth, shal yeld and

and paye his tythes offeringes and other dueties of holy churche: And that for suche subtractiones of any of the sayde tythes offeringes or other dueties the person vicar curate or other partie in that behalfe greued, maye by the proces of the kynges ecclesiasticall lawes of the churche of England conuēt the person or personnes so offendynge befoze his ordynary, or other competent iudge of this realme, haupng auctoritie to here and determine the right of tythes, and also to compel the same person or personnes offendynge to do and yelde theyr sayd dewties in that behalfe. And in case the ordynary of the diocesse, or his commissary, or the archdeacon or his officiall, or any other competent iudge aforesayde, for any contempt contumacy disobedience or other misdemeanour of the partye defendaunte, make information and requeste to any of the kynges moſte honorable counſel, or to the iustices of the peace of the shire where suche offendour dwelleth, to assiste or ayde the same ordynary commissary archdeacon officiall or iudge, to order or resourne any suche person in any cause befoze reherſed: That then he of the kynges sayde honorable counſaylle, or suche two Justices of peace, wherof one to be of the Quorum, to whom suche information or request ſhalbe made, ſhal haue full power and auctorite by vertue of this acte to attache or cause to be attached the person or personnes, ayenſte whom suche information or request ſhal be made, And to committe the same person or personnes to warde, there to remaine without baile or mainpryse, tyl ſhe or they ſhall haue found ſufficient ſuertie, to be bounde by recogniſſance or other wyſe befoze the kynges sayd counſayllour, or iustice of peace, or any other lyke counſayllour or Justice of peace, to the uſe of our ſayde ſoueraygne lord the kyng, to gyue due obedience to the proces procedynge decrees & ſentences of ſe ecclesiasticall court of this realme, wherin ſuche ſute or mater for the premisses ſhall depende or be. And that euery of the kynges sayd counſayllours, or two iustices of the peace, wherof one to be of the Quorum as is aforesayd, ſhal haue full power and auctorite by vertue of this acte to take receyue and recoorde recogniſſances and obligations in any of the causes aboue wyitten.

**Provided** alway, that this acte or any thyng therein conteyned ſhall not extende to any inhabitaunte of the cite of London, for or concernynge any maner of tithes offeringe or other ecclesiasticall duetie growen and due to be payed or yelde within the same cite, bicauſe there is an other order made for the payment of tythes and other dueties within the ſaid cite.

**Provided** also that euery person and personnes, beinge partie or parties to any ſuche ſute, ſhall and maye make and haue his and theyr lawfull action demaunde or proſecution appeales prohibitions and al other theſe lawfull defences and remedies in euery ſuche ſute, accorдынge to the ſayde ecclesiasticall lawes, and lawes and ſtatutes of this realme, in as ample and lyberall maner and ſourne, as they or any of them myghte haue hadde, if this acte hadde neuer bene made: Any thyng in this acte aboue wyitten not withſtandynge.

**Provided** alway, and be it enacted by auctorite afoze ſayde, that this

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acte for recoverynge of tythes; ne any thyng therein conteyned, shall take force or effecte, but onely vntyll suche tyme as the kynges highnes, and suche o- ther. xxiii. personnes, whiche his highnes shall name and appoynte for the makynge and establisshinge of such lawes, as his highnes shall assente and ratifie to be called the ecclesiasticall lawes of his church of Englande: And after the sayde lawes so ratified and confirmed, as is aforesayde, that then the sayde tythes, to be paid to every ecclesiasticall personne, accordynge to suche lawes, and none other wise.

**C**An acte bymyttinge an order for payment of tythes within the cite of London. Cap. xxi.

**B**E it enacted by the auctoritie of this presente parlyamente, that all and every the citisens and inhabitants of the cite of London, and suburbs within the liberties of the same, shall at this present tyme of Ester nexte comynge paye unto the curates of the sayde cite and suburbs, all suche and lyke sommes of money for tythes oblations and other duities, as the sayde citisens and inhabitants by the order of my lord Chauncellour and other of the kynges moste honorable counsaill and the kynges proclamation, paid or ought to haue paid by force and vertue of the sayde order, at Ester that was in the yere of our lord god . M.D. XXXV. And the same paymentes so to continue frome tyme to tyme, vntyll suche tyme as any other order or lawe shall be made published ratified and confirmed by the kynges highnes, and the. xxiii. personnes by his grace to be named, as well for the full stablyshment concernynge the payment of all tythes oblations and other duities of the inhabitants within the sayde cite and suburbs within the liberties of the same, as for the making of other ecclesiasticall lawes of this realme of England. And that every personne hereafter to pay as is aforesayd, shall by the commandements of the maire of London for the tyme beinge, be comytted to prisonne, there to remaine vntyll suche tyme as he or they have agreed with the curate and curates for theyr sayde tythes oblations and other duities, as is aforesayde.

**C**An acte concernynge decay of houses and inclosures. Cap. xxii.

**W**HERE as in the fourth yere of the reigne of the noble kyng of famous memorie Henry the. vii. father to the kynges byghnes our soueraygne lord that now is, it was ordeyned established & enacted amonges other thinges, that every owner of any mase, which within thre yeres next before the thirthe. yere, was or after that tyme shuld be letten to ferme with. xx. acres of land at the least, lieng in tillage & husbandry, shuld be bound to kepe & sustein the housing & building of the same mase conveniently for the maintenance of husbandry & tillage: & if any owner of the same shuld so tyme to tyme any



any suche mese or lande in his owne handes, he shulde be bounde to uphold and susteyne the same, as it is befoze reherced: And if any persō happened to doo the contrary, than it shulde be lesfull vnto the kyng, or vnto the lordes, of whom any suche mese or landes is holden immediately, to take perely the one halfe of thissues and pofittes of all and every suche tenemente, without payntage any thyng for the same, vntyll such tyme as the housyng shuld be buylded, or reedified agayn, and the lōdes therof conuerted into tyllage: and that no person shuld haue clayme or chalenge any fre holde in the same land or tenementes by takyng of any suche pofettes, but only that it shuld be lesfull vnto the kyng and other lordes to distrayne for the payment of the mortie of the perely pssues reuenues and pofittes of the same, like as in the said acte moze at length is conteyned. By reason of whiche sayde statute and ordynance diuerse and many meses, whiche be holden immediately of the kynges hyghnes, within late peres haue ben buylded and reedified, and the lōdes there vnto belongyng conuerted ayen into their fyrste nature of tyllage and husbandry, accordyng to the tenour and purport of the sayd good and gracious acte. And all other such meses and lōdes as be holden immediat of any other lordes, be and remayne vnto this present daye prostrate, vnbuilt and the lōdes therof conuerted and employed onely into pasture, and to this other purpose, to the greatte decaye of all maner of victualles, within this realme, and to the derogation and hynderance of the common welthe of the same many wayes. And for as moche as in the sayde acte was no other remedy provided for and agaynst al those persons that do or shuld hold any manours meses landes or tenementes of other lordes, for not reparyng and reediffyng of the houses, and conuertynge the sayd lōdes into tyllage and husbandry, accordyng to the trewe and vertuous meanynge of the same good act, but onely every lord immediate mought haue and distrayne for the mortie of the pofittes of all and every suche mese and lōdes decayed in fourme aforesaid, as in the same acte among other thynges moze at length it is declared. And also for that the lordes immediat & thother meane lordes haue not put the sayd good acte in dewe and playne execution, accordyng to the tenour therof, as they ought and mought haue done, a great number of the houses meses tenementes and acres of lond, which at the makyng of the said good act were in ruine and decay, and the lōdes therof conuerted from tyllage into pasture, do yet remayne vnbuilt vnto this daye, and al the lōdes to them belonging hitherto be kepte and bled into pasture, and not conuerted ayen into tyllage, accordyng to the purport true meanynge and intente of the faide acte. And soo by this meanes diuers and sondry persons, whiche holde not theyr landes and tenementes immediat of the kynges hyghnes, haue and daily do from tyme to tyme decaye and lette fall downe a small number of meses and houses of husbandry: And also do conuerte the lōdes of the same from tyllage and husbandry into pasture, to the most perillous example of al other being in lyke case, and to the greattes abuse and disorder of the naturall soyle of the ground, that by any maner of inuention could

coude be practised or imagined. Be it therfore enacted ordeyned and established by the kynge our soueraygne lord, and by the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this present parlyament assembled, and by thautozite of the same that the kynge our soueraygne lord, his heires and successours, from and after the feest of sanct Michael tharchangel, whiche shall be in the yere of our lord god .M. D. XXXVIII. shall take and haue the moyste of all issues reuenues rentes & profites coming & growinge of all & singuler meses lordes & tenementes now and then remaining inclosed decayed or conuerted from tillage into pasture, contrary to the tenour & true meaninge of the sayde acte, made in the sayde fourth yere of kyng Henry the vii. and beinge at this present day so founde alrede by office and verdyte of xii. men, or whiche hereafter at any tyme by lyke office and verdyte shall be founde, of whome so euer they be holden, whiche haue ben decayed and conuerted from tillage into pasture sithe thre yeres nexte before the foresayde fourth yere of the reygne of the sayde noble kyng Henry the. vii. vntill suche tyme as the owners of the sayde meses landes and tenementes shal haue buylde and reedified agayne in and bypon conuenient places of the sayde meses landes and tenementes for euery fyfty acres, forty acres, or therty acres of londe, one sufficient tenement inete for an honest man to dwel in, and also vntill suche tyme as the same owners haue conuerted, or caused all the sayde landes so impleused to be conuerted from pasture in to tillage agayne, accordyng to the nature of the soile and course of husbandry bled in the countrey where any suche landes do lye, and accordyng to the true entente and meaninge of the sayde acte.

**¶** Provided alwayes and be it enacted by the autozite aforesayd, that if any owner of landes and tenementes, at any tyme after the last day of April, in the yere of our lord god .M. D. XXXVI. decay any house of husbandry, haupng: xx. acres of errable land at the least therunto lyeng in tillage, or conuert the same land into pasture, contrary to the true intent & meaning of the said acte: than if the lord, of whom any such house and landes be the holden immediatly do not take the benefite of the saide acte, concernyng takinge of the moiste of the profettes of the same house and landes so impleused, as is aboue reherfed, within one yere nexte after the sayd decay, or with in one yere nexte after the conuerting of the sayd land from tillage into pasture, the kynges highnes in default of the sayde lordes immediat shall and maye from and after any office founde therof haue and take the one moyste of all the issues reuenues and profittes comming and growinge of the same house and landes so decayed or conuerted from tillage into pasture, vntill such tyme as the owner of the said house and landes so impleused haue reedified the same house, and conuerted and put the same lades agayne into tillage, accordyng to the nature of the soile and course of husbandry bled in the countrey there, as is aboue reherfed.

**¶** Provided alwey, that the kynges highnes shall not haue cleyne or charge any freholde or tenure in or to any of the premisses by takinge of the moiste

moitte of any suche profits, nor that any lord of whome any suche mefes or londes be holden, shal lose ne forsayt any thett tenures service or other thett right of and in the same, but only that his highnes his heires & successours shall haue ful power by vertue of this present acte, after the finding always of any office or offices from tyme to tyme, onely to distrayne for paymente of the moitte of the perely issues revenues and profits of all suche londes and tenementes, as be vnto the kinges highnes limited and appoynted by this act, accordyng to the true intent and meaning of the same acte, vntyll such tyme as the true intent and purpose of this presente acte shall be dewely and truly put in execution in euery behalfe to all intentes, as is before declared.

**W**oulded also that this act nor any thing therein conteyned be in any wise prejudiciall or hurtfull to any infant within thage of xiiij. yeres, nor to any person or persons being out of the kynges realme for any issues and profits to be leuied percepued or taken by vertu of this present act, as long as they shall be within age, or out of this realme, nor shall extend to any marthe or ferme groundes, nor to any manours landes or tenementes, beinge enclosed at this presente day, within any forest parke or chase, wherein be dere belonginge vnto the kinges hyghnes, or to any temporal lord, knyght, or squier of this realme of England or wales, so that they haue licence obtained at this present daye of the kynges sayde highnes, or of any his noble progenytours to imparke the same, & also haue compownded with the owners therof, that the same owners be satisfied for the same: any thinge in this acte to the contrary notwithstandinge.

**W**oulded alwaies that this present act extend not nor be in any wise hurtfull or prejudiciall vnto any owners of any londes or tenementes in any countie of this realme of England, but only vnto all & euery the countie hereafter specified, that is to say, the countie of Lincolne, Nottingham, Leicetur, Warwyke, Rutlande, Northampton, Bedford, Buckyngham, Oxforde, Berks: the ple of woxght, woxcetur, Hert. and Cambrige.

**An acte for the preservation of hauens and portes in the countie of Deuon and Cornwal. Cap. xxiij.**

**W**here by a statute made in this present parliament for & concerninge the amendinge and mayntenance of the hauens and portes of Plimmouth, Dartmouth, Cettmouth, Salmouth, & Fowey, in the countie of Deuonshyre and Cornwal, amonge other thinges it was ordeyned & enacted, that no person or persones, fro and after the feast of saint Michael tharchangel, which was in the xxiij. yere of the reygne of the kinges highnes that now is, shuld labour or worke, or cause to be laboured or wrought in any maner of tin workes called streine workes, within the said countie of Deuon or Cornwal, nigh to any of the freshe waters ryuers or lowe places, descendyng or haupnge couthe vnto the sayd hauens or portes, or any of them, nor shuld labour dygge or washe any

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tyme in any of the sayde tyn workes, called streame workes, onles the sayde  
 dygger, owner, or washer shuld make or cause to be made sufficiente hatches  
 and tyes in the end of theyr buddels and coyses, and therin put a lay, or cause  
 to be put and layde all the sayde stones grauel and robell dygged about then-  
 serchynge sondynge and washyng of the said tynne, there to be holly and surely  
 kepte by the sayde hatches & ties out and from the sayd freshe riuers or wa-  
 ter courses or any of them, so that the sayde stones grauell and robell ne any  
 parte therof, be for lacke of such hatches or ties comieied into the said portes  
 and hauens, or any of them, vpon payne so forsayde for euery tyme that any  
 owner or digger shuld digge or washe, or cause to be digged or washed any  
 tynne, contrary to the fourme aforesayde. x. li. The one halfe therof to be to  
 the vse of our fourerapgne lord the kynge, and the other halfe therof to be to  
 any of thynhabytauntes of the sayd porte towne or hauens, that wolde sue  
 for the same in any of the kynges courtes by originall writte, bylle, playnte,  
 information, or otherwise, wherin the defendaunt shulde not be admitted to  
 waige his lawe, ne any protection or esoyne shoulde be allowable, as in the  
 sayde acte amonge other thynges more playnely is expresse and declared.  
 And by cause by the the makinge of the sayde statute, thenhabitauntes of the  
 sayde porte towne or hauens, haue lytel regarde respecte loue or affecti-  
 on, to the amendynge and maintenance of the same towne and hauens, nor  
 to their posteritie, as they ben naturally bounden and obliged, haue permit-  
 ted and suffered the sayde owners and diggers to perseuer & continue in dig-  
 ging serchynge & washyng of tyn, nyghe the said freshe waters ryuers or lowe  
 places, not making sufficient hatches & tyes, as by the said statute is prou-  
 ded & ordeined without any maner of suite comensed or pursued by the sayde  
 inhabitantes, according to the tenour of the said acte, to the great animation  
 and encouragynge of thosendours, and to thutter vndoyng and destruction  
 of the sayd porte, towne, and hauens. The kynges maiestie myndynge and  
 entendynge the supportation and mayntenance of his sayde towne and ha-  
 uens, and the animaduersion & correction of the said offendours, hath by the  
 assent of the lord spiritual and temporal, & the comons in this present parlia-  
 ment assembled, and by thauctortie of the same, ordeyned, enacted, & stablis-  
 shed, that no pson or psons hereafter shall labour or worke, or cause to be la-  
 bored or wrought in any maner of tyn workes, called streame workes within  
 the sayd countie of Deuonshyre or Cornwal, nygh to any of the said freshe  
 waters ryuers or lowe places, descendynge or haupnge course vnto the sayde  
 hauens or portes, or any of them, nor shall labour, dygge, or washe any tyn  
 in any of the sayd tyn workes, called streame workes, onles the sayde dygger,  
 owner, or washer shall make, or cause to be made sufficient hatches and tyes  
 in the end of their puddelles and coyses, and therein putte and laye, or cause  
 to be put and layde all the sayd stones, grauell, and robbell, dygged aboute  
 thenserchynge, sondynge, and wasshynge of the sayde tyn, there to be holly  
 and surely kepte by the sayde hatches and ties, out and from the said freshe  
 riuers or water courses, or any of them: so that p said sand, stones, grauel, &  
 robell,

robell, ne any parte therof, be for lacke of suche hatches or tyes conneyed in to the said portes & hauens, or any of them, vppon peine to forsaite for euery tyme, that any owner, tynner, digger, or laboer shal digge or washe or caule to be dygged or washed, any tynne contrary to the fourme aforesayde .xx. li. Thone halfe therof to be to thuse of his hyghnes, and thother halfe therof to be to any of his graces subiectes, that wylle sue for the same in any of his graces courtes by originall wryt byl platint information or other wise, wherein the defendant shall not be admitted to wage his lawe, ne any protection or essoyne shalbe allowable.

And it is further enacted by thautoyrtie aforesayde, that if any persone or persones shall happen to be sued, accused, indited, imprisoned, amerced, condempned, or otherwyle bereed or troubled in his persone, londes, tynne workes, goodes, or cattalles, by any of the mynisters or officers of any the kynges courtes of stannerpe, or by any other persone or persones for pursuynge or attemptynge any suite or action accorbynge to this estatute, apenst suche persone or persons as shall offende contrary to the fourme aforesayde: that then al suche suites accusementes inditementes imprisonementes actions condemnations synes amerciamentes, and euerye other acte or actes, to be doone in any of the sayde courtes of stannerpe, or elles where, by any persone or persones apenst any person or persones for suyng or attemptyng, any suites or actions by vertue of this statute, shalbe utterly voyde and of none effecte in the lawe: And that the partye sued indited accused imprisoned, or otherwyle greued or molested for pursuynge apenst any persone or persones offendynge this statute, shal haue his action and remedy grounded vpon this statute by originall wrytte, byl, playnt, informaton, or otherwyle in any of the kynges courtes, apenst suche as shall procure, or attempte, to bere, trouble, or otherwyle molest any suche person or persons for sewynge or pursuynge of the forsaitures aforesaid, and shall recouer treble damages in that behalfe, and the partie defendaunt shall not be admitted to wage his lawe, ne any protection, essoyne, nor priuilege shall be to hym allowable.

And yf it shall happen any persone or persones, for pursuynge any suite or action vpon this statute, or by occasion of the same hereafter to be imprisoned by any maner of person or persons beynge officers or ministers of the courte of stannerpe, their deputies or substitutes: that then euery of the iustices of peace within any of the counties aforesayde, wherein the sayde pypsoner shal happen to be committed to prison, vpon credible information thereof, takynge suretie by his discretion for apparance of suche pypsoner at the nexte generall sessions of peace, shall haue power and autoyrtie as well to directe his warraunte to the gaoler or keeper of the prison, as to any other person or persons, to whom the sayd pypsoner shall be committed vnto, commaundyng hym or them vpon peyne of forsaiture of .xl. li. to deliuer and put at large the sayde pypsoner or pypsoners, whiche if he refuse so to do, then euery suche offendour shall lose and forsaite the sayd .xl. li. Thone halfe of whiche forsaiture to be to the vls of our souerayn lord the kyng, & the other

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halfe to hym that is greued by reason of suche imprisonment, to be recouered in maner and forme aforesayd: And the defendand in any action or suite for the same shal not wage his law, ne haue any essoin or protection allowed. And if it shal appere vpon thapparaunce of such prisoner at the quarter sessions by examynatyon of the Justices of peace there beyng, that he was imprisoned contrary to the fourme of this statute: that then he shal be forth with dismissed and therby discharged. And if he were lawfully imprisoned for any other iuste cause, than to be remanded to prison by the discretion of the sayde Justiciars.

**E**xcepted alway, that this acte or any thyng therein conteyned be not in any wise prejudiciall or hurtfull to any of the officers of the shannetie, ne to any of their lawfull liberties, priuileges, blages, lawes, or customes, savinge onely in the cases and provisions conteyned and limited within this present acte, whiche shal alway be put in execution, accordyng to the tenour of this acte: any blage custome priuilege or dinaunce or libertie to the contrary therof not withstandinge.

**A**n acte for recontinuinge of certayne liberties and franchises heretofore taken from the crowne. Cap. xxv.



**W**here byuers of the mooste auncient prerogatiues and auctorities of Justice, appertaynyng to the imperiall crowne of this realme, haue bene seuered and taken frome the same by sondrye gyftes of the kynges mooste noble progenitours kynges of this realme, to the great diminution & detriment of the roiall estate of the same, and to the hyndraunce and greate delape of Justice. For reformation wherof be hit enacted by auctorite of this present parlyamente, that no persone or persons, of what estate or degree so euer they be of, from the firste day of July, whiche shal be in the yere of our lord god .M. D. XXVII. shal haue any power or auctorite to pardon or remytte any treasons, murders, manslaughter, or any kyndes of felonies, what so euer they be: nor any accessaries to any treasons, murders, manslaughter, or felonies, or any blaunties for any suche offences aforesayd, committed, perpetrated, done, or diuulged, or hereafter to be committed, done, or diuulged, by or agaynst any person or persones in any parties of this realme, wales, or the marches of the same, but that the kynges byghnes, his heires and successours kynges of this realme, shal haue the hole and sole power and auctorite thereof vntied & knyt to the imperiall crowne of this realme, as of good right and equitie it apperteyneth, any grauntes, blages, prescription, act or actes of parlyament, or any other thyng to the contrary hereof not withstandinge.

**A**nd be it also enacted by auctorite aforesayd, that no person or persons, of what estate, degree, or condicion so euer they be, from the sayd firste day of July, shal haue any power or auctorite to make any Justices of Oyre, Justices of assise, Justices of peace, or Justices of gaole deliuerie: but that all  
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such officers and ministers shall be made by letters patentes under the kinges great seale, in the name and by auctorite of the kynges hyghnes, and his heires kynges of this realme, in al shires, counties, countie palantine, and other placis of this realme, wales, and marches of the same, or in any other his dominions, at theyr pleasure and wylls, in such maner & forme as Justices of Cite, Justices of assise, Justices of peace, and Justices of gaole delyverie be commonly made in every shire of this realme, any grantees blages, prescriptions, allowances, acts or actes of parlyament, or any other thyng or thynges to the contrary therof not withstandynge.

¶ And be it further enacted by auctorite of this present parlyamente, that all originall writtes, and iudiciall writtes, and all maner of endowmentes of treason, felonye, and trespass, and all maner of piores to be made vppon the same in every countie palantine and other libertie within this realme of Englande, wales, and marches of the same, shall from the sayd first day of July, be made onely in the name of our sayd soveraigne lorde the kyng, and his heires kynges of Englande. And that every person or persons, havinge suche countie palantine, or any other suche libertie to make suche originals, iudiciall, or other processe of Justice, shall make the Certe in the sayd originall writtes and iudiciall in the name of the same person or persons, that haue suche countie palantine or libertie. And that in every writte and endowment, that shall be made within any suche countie palantine or libertie, after the sayd fyrste daye of July next commynge, whereby it shalbe supposed any thyng to be done agaynst the kynges peace, shall be made and supposed to be done onely agaynst the kynges peace, his heires and successours, and not agaynst the peace of any other persō or persons, what so ever they be, any acte of parlyamente, grante, custome, blage, or allowance in Cite before this tyme had, graunted, or bled to the contrary not withstandynge. ¶ Provided alway, that Justices of assises, Justices of gaole delyverie, & Justices of peace to be made and assigned by the kynges hyghnes within the countie palantine of Lancaster, shall be made and ordeyned by commission vnder the kynges vsuall seale of Lancaster, in maner and fourme as hath benne accustomed, any thyng in this acte to the contrary therof not withstandynge.

¶ Provided also, that all cities, boroughes, and townes corporate within this realme, whiche haue libertie, power, and auctorite to haue Justices of peace, or Justices of gaole delyverie, shall still haue and entoye theyr liberties and auctorities in that behalfe, after suche lyke maner as they haue ben accustomed, without any alteration by occasion of this acte, any thyng in this acte, or in any article therein conteyned to the contrary therof not withstandynge.

¶ And it is ordeyned by auctorite aforesayd, that all stewardes, bayliffes, and other ministers of any liberties or franchises, whiche in tyme passed haue bled or ought to attende vpon the Justices of assise, Justices of gaole delyverie, and Justices of the peace at large in any countie, shalbe attendaunt

to the Justices of assise, Justices of gaole delyuery, and Justices of peace of the same shires, wherein suche liberties and franchises be, and make dewe execution of al p[ro]ces to them to be directed, for ministracion of iustice within suche liberties or franchises. And that also all suche baylifes, or their deputies or deputie, shall yene their attendaunce and assistance vpon the shereffe to gether with the sheryffes bailiffes at all courtres of gaole delyuerye from tyme to tyme for execution of prisoners acco[rd]ynge to iustice.

**¶** Prouyded alwaies, that the article nexte aboue reherfed, shall not in any wise be p[re]judicial to any stewardes or baylyues of any cities, boroughes, or townes incorporate set in any shire of this realme, whiche haue priuilege that they shuld not be compelled to attend or appere out of such citis, boroughes, or townes, wherein they inhabyte, but that euery suche citie, borough, and towne incorporate, shal vse theyr sayde priuileges and liberties, as heretofore hath ben accustomed: any thinge in any of the article aboue reherfed to the contrary therof notwithstandinge.

**¶** And it is further enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that the kyng our souerayn lord, his heires and successours kynges of this realme, from the sayde first day of July next commynge, shal haue all maner fynes, issues, amerciamentes and forfaytures, that shal be lost, forsayte, or assessed, by or vpon any stewardes, bailiffes, or any other ministers, or officers of any franchises or liberties for none execution, or misexecution, or insufficient retournes of suche writtes, warauntes, p[re]ceptes, or other p[ro]ces, which to them or any of them, or to any their deputie or deputies shall be directed, or for any contempte or other misdemeanour, whatso euer it be, concernynge their offices in and for the dewe execution or administration of iustice, any graunte or allowance, or other thing to the contrary hereof not withstanding. And that the amerciametes for insufficient retournes of writtes or other p[ro]cesse made by stewardes or baylyues of liberties or franchises, haunge retournes of writtes and execution of the same, shalbe put and set vpon the hedes of suche stewardes or bayliffes, and not vpon the sheryffes.

**¶** And furthermoze it is enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that puruepours assigned by the kynges commissioun for p[ro]uisions of his grace, the quene, & their chyldren, shall and may p[ro]uide all vitayles, corne, and other kyndes of thynges, what so euer it be, acco[rd]inge to their comissions, as well within liberties and franchises as without: any grauntes, allowances, or other thyng to the contrary or let therof notwithstandinge.

**¶** Prouyded alwaies, that suche puruepours shall obserue the statutes for them p[ro]vided in euery behalfe.

**¶** And ouer this it is ordeyned by auctoritie aforesayde, that in al suche places, where so euer the kynges highnes in his owne mooste royall personne shal come, to rest, tary, abyde, or make his repose within this realme or any his dominions, within libertie or withoute, there and within the verge lymitted and accustomed to his graces court, duryng the tyme of his abode: his grace, his Stewarde, Marshall, Coroner, and all other his ministers,



officers, shall & maye kepe their courtes for iustice, & exercise theyr offices as shall apperteyne to them, accordyng to þe lawes, customes & statutes of this realme, as well within libertties as without. And þe his graces clerkes of the market, and none other, durynge the same tyme, as well within libettie as without, shal exercise the office of clerke of the market: any pryvilege, graunt, allowaunce or other thyng to the contrary hereof not withstandynge.

**¶** Provided alway, that this article nexte afoze reherced, or any thyng therein conteyned, be not in any wise prejudiciall to the citie of London, but that the same citie shall have and vse suche libertties as they moughte, if this article had never be made.

**¶** And be it also enacted by auctoritie afoze sayde, that al and every statute, acte and actes, heretofore made, and beinge in force, agaynst sheriffes, their undersheriffes, bayliffes, or other ministers for makynge or retournynge of panelles or Juries, or for due execution and seruyng of any writtes or other processe, or for takynge of fees, or for reformation of extortions, or for any other thyng or thynges concernynge their offices, and all peynes and penalties conteyned in every suche statute, shall from henceforth be extended to all stewardes bayliffes and other ministers and officers of libertties & franchises, havynge retournes of writtes and executions therof, in lyke maner forme and condition, as they extende to shireffes their under shireffes bayliffes or other ministers, and as if the sayd stewardes bayliffes or other ministers or officers of libertties and franchises, had ben specially and particularly named and reherced in suche statutes.

**¶** Provided alway, that this article next above reherced, shal not be prejudiciall to any stewarde, bayliffes of franchises, or to their deputie or deputies, or theyr clerkes, for exercisynge and occupieng their offices ouer and above one yere: but that they and every of them may kepe and occupie their sayde offices for so longe tyme as they be or hereafter shal be geven to them, as if this article nexte afoze reherced had never bene made, any of the sayde actes to be expounded and taken agaynst them or any of them to the contrary therof not withstandynge.

**¶** AND it is enacted by auctoritie afozesayde, that all suche iustices to be made, as is afoze reherced in this acte, shall have auctoritie & power to kepe and holde their sessions of peace, and to delivuer the same gaolles from tyme to tyme onely within the same libertties and franchises, and in suche places, and in none other place, by reason or auctoritie of that commission: and to do and execute all other thynges within the same, in as ample and large maner, as any other iustices of peace and gaole delivuerie, in any shire within this realme may do and have auctoritie to do: any acte graunte vse custome and allowaunce heretofore had made or vled, or any article in this present acte made to the contrary not withstanding.

**¶** Provided alwayes, that al and synguler Justices of the peace, gaole delivuerie, and assise, hereafter to be made named and appoynted by the kinges byghnes, his heires and successours, within any liberttie, where any suche Justice

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Justice of peace, gaole deliuerer, or assise, or any of them have ben made by any persone or personnes, by vertue or auctorite of any letters patentes, of the gyfte or graunte of our soueraygne lord the kyng, or his most noble progenitours kynges of this realme, or otherwise shall sette and heve their sessions gaole deliuerie and assises, onely in suche place and places, as the Justices of the sayd libertie lately have ben commonly used within the same libertie. And that no person nor personis, within the sayd libertie, or any of them, shall be hereafter in no wise compelled by auctorite of this acte, to appere out of the sayd libertie before any other Justices of assise, gaole deliuerie, or of the peace: than before suche iustices as shall be named and assigned to set and be by the kynges highnes his heires & successours, within the sayd libertie in forme abovesayd. And that this acte shall not extend or be expounded or taken to any other libertie privilege or franchises, granted bled or had to any person or personis, other than before in this prelat acte is expressed and plainly declared and rehearsed: any thyng in this acte to the contrary not withstanding, and as if this acte had never ben made.

**C**onvided alway, that this acte nor any thyng therein conteyned, be in any wise hurtfull or prejudiciall unto sir Thomas Englefeld knight, justice of the countie palantyne of Chester and Flint, nor to his deputie or deputies nor to any of them, of for or concernynge the office of justice or justices of the sayd countie palantyne and Flint: nor for or concernynge any fees profits or advantages to the same office in any maner wise apperteynyng or belonging: but that the sayd sir Thomas, his deputie and deputies and entyre of them, maye lawfully have occupie and exercise the sayd office, and also receive and take to theyr owne use, all maner profits commodities and advantages to the sayd office belonging or apperteynyng, accordynge to the tenour purpote and effecte of suche letters patentes, as before this tyme were unto the same sir Thomas made vnder the seale of the sayd countie palantyne, or vnder any other seale, by our sayde soueraygne lord the kyng that now is, of for or concernynge the sayd office, and other the premises, or any parcell thereof, in as ample and large maner, as though this acte had never ben had ne made: any thing in this acte conteyned to the contrary in any wise not withstanding.

**C**onvided alway, that this acte ne any thyng therein conteyned, be in any wise prejudiciall or hurtfull to any cite borough or towne corporate, by what name or names so ever they or any of them be incorporate, and theyr successours, and the successours of euery of them, of for any maner of libertie privileges customes and ancient blages and franchises: And also of all maner of fines issues and amerciamentes and forsaitures, which they or any of them haue of the grant or grauntes of our sayde soueraygne lord the kyng, or of any of his noble progenitours kynges of this realme of England: but that the sayd citty boroughes and townes corporate and euery of them and their successours, maye haue take leue and entyre all and euery suche lawfull libertie privileges franchises customes & blages in as ample and large

large maner, and in lyke forme and condicion as they & every of them have laufully taken vled and had the same befoze the makynge of this acte: any thyng in this acte to the contrary not withstandynge, and as if this act had neuer be had ne made.

**P**rouided alway and be it enacted, that Thomas now byshop of Ely and his successours byshoppes of Ely, and they? tempoꝛalle stewarde of the ple of Ely for the tyme beinge, and every of them, shall from hensforth be iustices of peace within the said ple, and shall vse and exercise al maner of thynges within the same ple, that apperteyneth oꝛ belongeth to any Justice of peace within any countie of this realme of England, to do, exercise, and vse, by vertue and auctoritie that they be iustices of peace, in as ample and large maner as any other iustices of peace, in any county within this realme have oꝛ myght do, exercise, oꝛ vse, any thyng oꝛ thynges in this act conteyned to the contrary not withstandynge.

**P**rouided alway and be it enacted, that Cuthbert now byshop of Durham, and his successours byshops of Durham, and they? tempoꝛall chancelour of the countie palantine of Durham for the tyme being, and every of them, shall from hensforth be iustices of peace within the said countie palantine of Durham, and shall exercise & vse all maner thynges within the same countie palantine, that apperteyneth oꝛ belongeth to any Justice of peace within any countie of this realme of Englande, to do, exercise, & vse, by vertue and auctoritie that they be iustices of peace, in as ample and large maner as any other iustices of peace in any countie within this realme have oꝛ myght do exercise oꝛ vse: any thyng oꝛ thynges in this act conteyned to the contrary not withstandynge.

**P**rouided alway & be it enacted, that Edward now archbishop of Yorke and his successours archbishops of Yorke, and they? tempoꝛal chancelour of the shire & libertie of Heram, other wise called Hertoldesham, for the tyme being and every of them, shall from hensforth be iustices of peace within the said shire and libertie of Herham, other wise called Hertoldesham: and shall exercise and vse al maner thynges within the said shire and libertie, that apperteyneth oꝛ belongeth to any Justice of peace within any countie of this realme of Englande, to do exercise and vse, by vertue & auctoritie that they be Justices of peace, in as large and ample maner as any other Justice of peace in any countie, within this realme have oꝛ myght do exercise oꝛ vse: any thyng oꝛ thynges in this act cōteyned to the contrary not withstandynge.

**An acte for punishment of surdy bacaboundes and beggers. Cap. xxi.**



**VERE IN AN ACTE** made at westminster in the .xix. yere of the reygne of our soueraygne lord kynge HENRY. the. VIII. among other thynges it was ordeyned, establisshed, and enacted, that every stronge and valiant begger and bacabounde,

bounde, after he were wypped for his vacabounde and ydelnes, shulde departe from the place where he was wypped, directly vnto such towne hundred and countie, where he was borne, or where he had dwelled by the space of thye yerres nexte before, there to continue and abyde. And also that aged poore and impotent people shulde in lyke wise repaire into euery hundred within the sayde countie, there to remaine and continue, accordyng to the meanyng and purpote of the saide acte, vpon paines limited in the same, as in the same acte moze playnly appereth.

¶ And for as moche as it was not prouided in the saide acte, howe and in what wise the saide poore people and sturdy vacaboundes shulde be ordered at theyr repaie, and at theyr commynge into theyr countreys, nor howe the inhabitauntes of euery hundred shulde be charged for the reliefe of the same poore people, nor yet for the settinge & keepynge in worke and labour of the sayde valiant vacaboundes at theyr sayde repaie into euery hundred of this realme: It is therfore nowe ordeyned, establisshed, and enacted, by the kynge our soueraigne lord, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parlyament assembled, and by thauctoryte of the same, that all and euery the Mayres, Aldermenne, Shireffes, bayliffes, constables, householders, and all other heed officers and ministers of euery cite, shire, towne, and parishes of this realme, at the repaie and commynge thither of suche poore creature or sturdy vacabounde, as is conteyned in the sayd acte, shal mooste charitably receyue the same, and order the same in maner and forme folowynge: That is to saye, that all the gouernours and ministers of euery of the same cities shires townes hundredes wapentakes lathes rapes tythinges tythinges hamlettes and parishes, as well within liberties as without, shal not onely succour fynde and kepe al and euery of the same poore people, by way of voluntary and charitable almes, which in euery of the same cities, shires, townes, hundredes, wapentakes, lathes, rapes, tythinges, hamlettes, and parishes, as wel within liberties as without, to be succoured, relpued, and holpen with suche and conuenient necessarye almes, as shal be thought mete by theyr discretions, in suche wyse as none of them of very necessitie shal be compelled to wander ydelly, and goe openly in beggynge, to aske almes in any of the same cities shires townes & parishes: but also to cause and to compell all and euery the sayde sturdy vacaboundes and valiant beggers to be sette and kepte to continual labour, in suche wise as by their sayde labours they and euery of them maye gette theyr owne liuinges, with the continuall labour of theyr owne handes. And euery maire aldermanne shireffe bailiffe counsaile and all other heed officers and ministers of euery countie cite towne and parishes within this realme, or within any the kinges dominions, as wel within liberties as without, and all other personnes inhabitauntes within any of the same, shal endeuour them selves to order and directe the poore people, valiant beggers, and sturdy vacaboundes, in suche wise as the effecte of this presente acte shal be duely obserued, and put in due execution, vppon payne that



that every parisshe shall lose and forsayte. *xx. s.* for every moneth, in whiche it is omptted and vndone: And that to be inquired of at every quarter sessions, and to be duely presented and founde by the verdict of. *xii. men*

**I**tem it is further enacted by thauctoritie aforesayde, that all and every person or persons, beinge whipped or sente vnto their countreys, in fourme aforesayd, at the ende of every tenn myles shall repaire vnto the constable of any parisshe, beinge directly in his waye towards the countie and place, wherunto he is soo appoynted: and vpon sighte of his letters, gyven vnto hym at the tyme of his whypinge and sendyng of hym into the same his countrey, every of the sayd constables and others the kynges subiectes, shall and maye furnishe hym with competent meate, drinke, and lodgyng for one nyght onely, or for one meale, and so he shall continue his dayly journey of tenn myles, vntyll suche tyme as he shall come vnto the hundred and place wherunto he is assigned to go.

**I**tem it is enacted, by thauctoritie aforesayd, that al and every ydel person and persons rufflers, callinge them selues scruping men, as wel within the citie of London, as within all other cities, shires, townes, parishes, and hamlettes of this realme, having no maisters, shall be entreated, vled, and ordred in every behalfe, and to all intentes, as is conteyned and specified, as well in the aforesayd former acte, as in this presente acte, vppon the payne aforesayde, to be losse and forsayted by the Shyre, Aldermen, Shyreffes, baylyffes, burgesse, ministers, and inhabytauntes of every of the same cities, boroughes and townes corporate, where any suche ruffler shall be suffered to be resiaunt and abyding by the space of two dayes, and not punished in fourme here after declared.

**I**tem it is ordeyned and enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that al and every the mayres, gouernours and heed officers of every citie borough and towne corporate, and the churche wardens, or two others of every parisshe of this realme, shall in good and charitable wise take suche discrete and conuenient order by gatherynge and procurynge of such charitable and voluntarie almes of the good chrissten people within the same with bores every sonday, holy day, and other festiual day, or otherwise among them selves in suche good and discrete wise, as the poore, impotente, lame, feble, sycke, and diseased people, beinge not able to worke, maye be prouided, holpen and relieved: so that in no wise they nor none of them be suffered to goo openly in begginge. And that suche as be lussy, or hauinge their tymmes, stronge ynough to labour, maye be dayly kepte in continuall labour, wherby euery one of them maye get their owne sustinaunce and luyng with their owne handes, vpon payne that all and every the mayres, gouernours, aldermen, heed officers, and others the kynges officers and mynisters of every of the sayd cities, boroughes, townes corporate, hundredes, parishes, and hamlettes, shall leese and forsayte for every monethe that it is omptted and vndone, the summe of. *xx. s.*

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**I**tem it is enacted by thauctoꝝtie afoꝛesayd, that all leprouse and pooꝛe beddyed creatures, what so euer they be, maye at theyꝝ owne libertie remaine and continue in suche place where they be, and shall not be compelled to repayꝛe in to theyꝝ countreys, accoꝛdyng to the tenour and purpoꝛt of thasoꝛe sayd foꝛmer acte: any thyng contempned in the same acte, oꝛ in this presente acte to the contrary not withstandyng.

**I**tem it is also enacted by the auctoꝛitie afoꝛesayd, that the sayde gouernours, aldermen, iustices of the peace, and heed officers, baylyffes and constables of euery citie, boꝛough, towne, hundꝛeth, and parishe of this realme, shall haue auctoꝛitie by vertue of this presente acte, to take vp all and synghuler chyldzen in euery parishe within theyꝝ limittes, that be not greued with any notable disease oꝛ syknes, and beinge vnder the age of fouertene yeres, and aboue the age of syue yeres, in begging oꝛ idelnes, and to appoint them to maisters of husbandꝛy oꝛ other craftes oꝛ labours to be taughte, by the whiche they maye gette theyꝝ lyuynge whan they shall come to age, gyuyng to them of the sayd charitable collections, as it may conueniently be susteyned and boꝛne, arayment to entre into suche seruice. And if any aboue the age of twelue yeres, and vnder the age of sytene yeres refuse suche seruise, oꝛ departe from the same without cause reasonable, than they to be arrested and appꝛehended by any of the sayde officers, and to be bꝛought befoꝛe the maire, aldermen, Iustices of the peace, baylyffes, gouernours, constables, oꝛ other officers and mynisters of that lymitte oꝛ circuite, where they be taken: And if it shall appere by his oꝛ theyꝝ confession, oꝛ other sufficiente testimony befoꝛe the same officers and ministers, that he oꝛ they haue refused to serue, oꝛ haue departed from theyꝝ seruice without cause reasonable, he shall than in the parishe, where he was appꝛehended, be openly whipped with rodde by the discretion of the sayde gouernours oꝛ baylyffes, and thervppon to be sente agayne vnto his seruice: and so to be serued, as often as he shall be appꝛehended and conuicted in fouꝛtine afoꝛesayde. And if any personne oꝛ personnes refuse to execute and to do the sayde punishmentes, at the commaundemente of any of the sayde gouernours, aldermenne, iustices of peace, and others the sayde officers and mynisters: thenne he oꝛ they soo refusyng the same, shall be sette in the stocks by the space of two dayes, without haupng of any other sustenance, sauing onely bꝛead and water.

**I**tem it is also enacted by the auctoꝛitie afoꝛesayde, that all and euery the afoꝛesayde mayꝛes, gouernours, aldermenne, and euery the iustices of the peace, as well within lyberties as without, shall ones in euery monethe, oꝛ oftener, if nede shall require, commaunde a pꝛiue oꝛ secrete serche to be made within euery citie and warde, towne, hundꝛed, parishe, and hamlette of this realme, in suche tyme of the nyghte and daye, as they shall thynke conueniente, to the intente that all ruffelars, sturdey bacaboundes, and balpaunte beggers, and other suspecte personnes, maye be by suche meanes appꝛehended, taken, and oꝛdered accoꝛdyng to the purpoꝛte and meaynyng of this presente acte, and other wyse to be vled accoꝛdyng to the lawes

lawes of this realme. And that all and every personne and persones obey, apde, assist, and mainteyne from tyme to tyme, all and every the commaundementes of the sayde iustices of peace and others heed officers aforesayde, for and concernyng the makynge of all the sayd serches, and the apprehending of all and every the suspect persons aforesayd, vpon peyn to make fine for not doynge of the same, at the nexte quatter sessions, as it shalbe thought by the discretion of the mayres gouernours aldermen and iustices of peace.

**I**tem it is enacted by thautozittie aforesayde, that no person nor persons at any time after the feast of saint Iohn Baptist next comynge, shal vse kepe and mayntayne any open playeng house or place for comon bowling, disling, cardynge, clothe, tenys, or other vnlafulfull games, takynge money for the same or other gayne, in any place of this realme, vpon peyne to forsaite five markes for every moneth that any suche vnlaful howses or games shall so be openly kepte vsed and maynteyned in any place within this realme, be it within liberties or without: Any graunte heretofore made to any person or persons in any wise not withstandynge.

**I**tem it is enacted by thautozite aforesaid, that every preacher person vicare curate of this realme, as well in al and every their sermons, collations, byddynge of the beades, as in tyme of all confessions, and at the makynge of the wylles or testaments of any persones at all tymes of the yere, shal exhort, moue, styre, and prouoke people to be liberal and bountifull to extend their good and charitable almes and contributions frome tyme to tyme, for and towarde the comfort and reliefe of the sayd poore, impotent, decrepite, indigent, and neddy people, as for the settynge and keepynge to continual worke and labour of the foresayd ruffelers, sturdy vacabundes, and ballant beggers, in every citie, warde, towne, hundrede, and parische of this realme, as well within liberties as without.

**I**tem it is enacted by thautozittie aforesayde, that if any of the aforesayde ruffelers, sturdy vacabundes, and valseunte beggers, after suche time as they haue ben ones apprehended, taken, whyped, and sente vnto any citie, warde, towne, hundred, or parische, by any iustice of peace, maiore, constable, baylyffe, or any other the kynges officers and ministers, happen to wander, loyter, or idelly to vse them selves, and playe the vacabundes, and willingly absente them selves from suche labour and occupation, as he or they shall be appointed vnto within any citie, warde, towne, hamlet, hundred, or parische, wher vnto he or they haue ben appoynted in maner & forme aforesayde: that then he or they being estones apprehended & taken of suspicious of idelnes in any pryuey serches aforesayde or otherwyle, shall be broughte before the next iustice of peace: and vpon due examinations & pfoe of the continuance of his sayd loytering, wandrynge in idelnes, or vacabuncy, shall be estones not onely whipped agayne, and sent into the citie, warde, towne, hundred, or parische, wher vnto he was fyrste appoynted, but also shall haue the upper parte of the grystle of his ryghte eare cleane cutte of: soo as hit maye pperre for a perpetuall token after that tyme, that he hath benne a contem-

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nour of the good order of the comon welthe. And that every constable of the parisse, with the assistance of the moſte ſubſtanciall of every ſuche parisse, where any ſuch ruffeler or bacabund ſhal happen thus to be taken, ſhal do or cauſe to be done this preſent execution, as wel in whyping as in cutting of the ſaid upper girtell of the eare of every ſuche ruffeler or ſturdy bacabunde or valiant begger, vpon payne to leſe and forſayte fyue markes, for every tyme that he ſhal reſuſe to do or cauſe to be done the ſame executiō: & al & ſingular th inhabitants of the ſaid cite, warde, towne, hundrede, or parisse ſhal aſſiſte & ayde & ſaid conſtables in executiō of the premisses to the beſt of their power with good diligēce, & without contradictiō, vpon the payne aforeſaide.

**I**tem it is further enacted by th auctoritie aforeſayde, that if any ruffeler or ſturdy bacabunde, or valiaunt begger, not hauyng the upper parte of the ryght eare, and beinge cutte of, as is aforeſayde, happen to be apprehended & taken in or at any priuie ſerche, as aforeſayde, at any other tyme wandyrng in idelnes, in or without any cite, warde, towne, parisse, or hamlet, within this realme, wherunto he or they haue ben aſſigned, and dewely proceued before any Juſtice of peace, that he or they haunte ydelnes, and hath not applyed, nor doth not apply ſuche labours as he or they haue ben aſſigned vnto, or be not in ſeruiſe with any maſter: that then he or they ſo taken marked and hauyng the upper parte of the ryght eare cutte of, as is aforeſayde, ſhall be by any of the ſayd iuſtices of peace ſente vnto the nexte gaole, there to remain without bayle or maynprie vntil the nexte quarter ſeſſions, and there to be indited of wandyrng lopyng and idelnes, and ſhall be arraigned of the ſame. And if he or they ſhall happen to be founde guilty by verdict confession or otherwiſe, of for and vpon the ſame continuall lopyng and idelnes: then every ſuche ſturdy bacabunde, & valiant begger, ſo founde guilty and condemned, ſhal haue iudgement to ſuffre peines and executiō of death, as a felon, and as enemies of the comon welth, and to loſe and forſaite al their landes & goodes as felons do in al other cauſes within this realme.

**I**tem it is enacted by th auctorite aforeſayd, that the knyght marſhall for the tyme beinge, ſhall haue full power & auctoritie by vertue of this preſent acte, to ſerche do & put in due & playne execution al and every the contentes as well of the ſoreſayd former acte as of this preſent acte, & of & vpon al ſuch ruffelers ſturdy bacabundes, and valiant beggers men and women, as in any wiſe ſhal frequent haunt or lopter maſterles & out of ſeruiſe, in & aboute the court, where ſo euer the kynges highnes chaunce to be reſiaunt with his moſt honozable houſholde in any place of this realme.

**A**nd for the aduoiding of al ſuch inconueniences and infections as often tyme haue and dayly do chaunce amonge the people by comen and open dolis, and that moſt comonly vnto ſuche dolis many perſones do reſorte, whiche haue no neede of the ſame: It is therfore enacted by the auctoritie aforeſayd, that no maner of perſon or perſones ſhal make or cauſe to be made any ſuche common or open dole, or ſhall gyue any redy money in almeſſe, otherwiſe than to the common boxes, and common gatherpnges in every cite, towne,

to tene, hundrede, parishe, and hamlette, to and for the puttynge in playne and betwe execution of all and euerye the good and vertuous intentes and purposes conteyned in this presente acte, vppon payne to lese and forsayte tenn tymes the value of all suche redy money as shall be gyuen in almes, contrarie to the tenour and purpoise of the same. And that euery personne and persons of this realme, bodies politike, corporate, and others, that be bounde or charged yerely, monethly, or weekly, to geue or to distribute any redy money, breadye, butyl, or other sustentation to poore people in any place within this realme, shall from the feast of Michaelmas next comynge, gyue and distribute vnto the same money, or the value of all suche breadye, butylle, or sustentation vnto suche common boxes, to the entent the same maye be employed, towarde the relieuyng of the sayd poore, needy, sick, soke, and indigent persons, and also towarde the settinge in woike of the sayd sturdy & idell vabandounes and valiant beggers: and euery of the sayd personne and persons, bodies politike, corporate, and others, shall be clerely discharged agaynst all and euery other person and personnes of and for all maner of bondes or grauntes, what so euer they be, for making of any of the same common doles, or others the foresayd distributions at any tyme of the yere: so as the money & true value of the same be gyuen vnto the boxes, towarde the common almes & reliefe of the poore people, in fourne aforesayd.

And to the entent that the money gathered towarde the reliefe of povertie, as is abouesayde, shall be employed & conuerted to suche charitable vses and behoues, as by this present acte be limited, and no parte thereof to be misused by suche as shall haue the collection thereof: It is therfore ordeyned and enacted by thautozitie aforesayd, that the churche wardens of euery parishe, callynge vnto them syxe or foure of the honest neighbours, shall haue full power & auctoritie euery quarter of the yere, or oftener by the discretions, to commande euery suche collectour to appere before them, and to rendre & yeld account of all summes of money as by theym shall be gathered, and howe & in what maner it was employed. And if vpon any account it shall be seen, perceyued, or founde, that any suche collectour hath not conuerted nor employed the money by hym gathered to suche vses and intentes, as be limited by this acte, or to haue imbecilled any parte thereof: that then euerye suche offendour shall be attached & apprehended by them, before whome he so shall make account, and shall immediately be brought before a iusticier of peace, if it be in any shire: or before the maier or bailife, if it be in cite, borough, or towne corporate, whiche iusticier, maier, or baylyffe, shall cause euerye suche offendour to be comitted to warde and prison, there to remayne vnto suche tyme as he shall haue fully restored and payed to the collectours of the sayd almes within the parishe where he soo offended, all suche sommes of money, as by hym shall so be imbecilled, conuerted, or employed to other vses or intentes, then by this acte be limited: And also tyll he shall haue payed syxe shillinges. viii. d. for a penaltie, to be conuerted, employed, & distributed to the vses and intentes specified and declared in this acte.

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**¶** AND it is ordered by the auctorite aforesaid, & the person, vicar, or parische priest, or some other honest man of every parische of this realme, without taking or demanding any thinge for the same, shall kepe a booke of rekenynge, and therein shall entre, write, & make mention from tyme to tyme, in one place or parte of the booke, as well of all and every suche sommes of money as shall be gathered by the charitable almes of the inhabitantes of every of the same parishes, as to make mention in one other place of the same booke, how, upon whom, and in what wise any parte of the same money shall be spent: And so from yere to yere, from one yere to another yere, he shall kepe a newe booke the booke to be bought and payde for by the constable and church wardens for the tyme beinge, of the common collections, and alwayes shall remayne in the custody of two or thre of them, or of some other indifferent man, by their consentes, and not with the persone, vicar, or parische priest.

**¶** Item it is ordered by the sayd auctorite, that two or thre tymes in every weke, two or thre of every parische within cities and townes corporate, by the assignement & appointmēt of the mayre, aldermen, gouernour, bailiffe, or constable, some in one weke, and some an other weke, shall name and appoynte certayne of the sayde pooze people, founde of the common almes, to collecte and gather broken meates and fragmentes, and the refuse bynke of every householders within every suche parische, whiche shall be by their discretions distributed euently among the poze people, founde of the sayd common almes, as they by their discretions shall thynke good.

**¶** Item it is ordered by the sayd auctorite, that al a every bayliffe, constable, churchwardens, or others the collectours of the sayde almes, which shall at any tyme forbeare their owne busynesse and labour, and shall trauayle or take any paynes in and about the execution of any parte of this present act, shall haue and take for his and their so doinge such competent wages of the money of the said common collections, as by the discretion of the mayre, aldermen, gouernour, bayliffe, or iustices of peace, and others of the parische, shall be thought good and reasonable, whiche shall be appoynted vnto them from tyme to tyme, alwayes at the makinge of their accomptes before the hole parische aforesayde.

**¶** Item the moneye of all and every the foresayde free and charitable collections, shall be kepte in the common coffre or boxe, standynge in the church of every parische, or elles it shall be committed vnto the handes and laufe custody of any other suche good and substantiall trusty man, as they canne agree upon, where they shall thynke it alwayes sure and safe, and where it may be surely deliuered vnto the uses before exprested from tyme to tyme, as necessity shall require, makinge alwayes mention thereof in two seuerall places of the sayd booke, as hit is before declared, as often tymes as any parte thereof shall be spent or gathered.

**¶** Item it is ordered by the sayd auctorite, that the inhabitantes of every parische of this realme, shall begyn to make the foresayde free, charitable, and godly collections and gatherynge in every sonday and holy day nexte after



after the daye of saynct John Baptyst next commyng, and so shal contynue perely vnto the laste day of the next parlyament. And euery parlyshe makynge defaulte, and not puttynge all and euery the premisses in due and perfect execution: accoꝝdyng to theyr power, behauiours, and discretions, shal lose & forsayt. xx.s. for euery moneth, in whiche it is omittted and vndone. And al Justices of peace, in euery countie and lybertie of this realme, shal haue full power and auctozytie, by vertue of this presente act, to enquire, here, order, and determyne all and euery the premisses, in maner fourme and to al intentes, as hit is befoze declared.

**FINALLY** it is ordeyned, enacted, and establyshed by the auctozytie afoze sayd, that this presente acte shal begyn to take effecte, & to be put in execution with the forsayde former acte, the morowe after the day of saynct Myghel the archangel nexte comyng, and shal contynue vnto the last day of the next parlyamente. And that the one moitie of all and euery the forsaytures afoze sayde, shalbe to thuse of the common bore, to the reliefe of the poze, decrepite, sycke and indigent & impotēt people, being within any citie, towne, hundred or parlyshe, where any such offēce is committed: and the other moitie to him or them that wyl sue for the same by byl action of det playnt or otherwise in any courte of recoꝝde, or courte baron of this realme, in whiche action noo wager of lawe, essoyne, or protection shalbe allowed.

**Ordeyned** alwayes, that this presente acte shal not be hurtful or prejudiciall vnto any persone or persons for gyuing or sendyng of any redy money, or of any fragmentes or broken meate or drynke vnto any person or persons, inhabtyed within the parlyshe, where he dwellyth, or to any persons, but that they and euery of them, of their charite, may vse, sende, order, geue, and dispose the same to any persone or persones afoze sayde, as they wol them selves, eyther within their owne houses, or elles where: any thing contained in this presente acte to the contrarie in any wyse not withstandynge.

**And** be it further enacted by auctozytie afoze sayde, that they whiche by the auctozytie of this acte, shal cause the eares of any offender to be cutte of, in forme befoze mencioned, shal certifie in wytyng endented vnder their seales at the nexte generall sessions of the peace, that shal be kepte in any citie, towne, borough, or shire, vnto the clerke of the peace of the same citie, towne, or shire, the names of all suche as shal fortune to haue theyr eares cutte of, for the causes befoze sayde, & of the tyme and place of doyng of the same. And if they sayle and make default this to do by the space of one moneth, that then they shal forsayte for euery moneth soo offendynge, forty shyllinges.

**And** be it further enacted by the auctozytie afoze sayde, that no church wardyne, collectour, or collectours of any the forsayde charitable almes, shal contynue in his or theyr sayd offices & rowmes aboue the space of one hole pere. And that in al cities, boroughes, townes, and parlyshes of this realme, the ouerplus of al and al maner of collections of the riche & welthy parlyshes, within any of the same cities, boroughes, townes, hundredes, lathes, rapes, and wapontakes frome tyme to tyme, shal be ordeyned and distributed for and

to wardes the sustentation of the charges of other pooze parishes, nere and within any of the same cityes, boroughes, townes, hundredes, lathes, rapes, and wapontakes, by the discretion from tyme to tyme of the Mayre, Aldermen, bayliffes, gouernours, Justices of peace, & hygh constable of the same.

**¶** Prouyded alwayes, that in suche cityes, townes, hundredes, wapontakes, lathes, rapes, tydinges, tythynge, hamlettes, & parishes, where the voluntary and vnconstrayned almesse & charitie of the parishens or people, whiche by this acte shalbe contrybutoye to suche almesse, and with suche money, as shalbe added and gyuen to the same from any monasteries or other persons, bodies politicke, corporate, or other, wol not suffice to the sustentacion of the poze, nedie, and indigent people, being within the lymittes of suche contribution, neyther the mayres, aldermen, shyreffes, bayliffes, constables, or other heed offycers, howseholders, mynistres, or inhabitantes of the same in particular, ne also the hole of them in generall, shall incurre or renne into the said forfayture, daunger, or penaltie of .xx. s. for euery moneth, ne any of them to be constrained to any suche certayne contribution, but as their free wylls and charities shall extende, otherwise than that the personnes therunto appointed by this acte, shall well and trewely distrybute, accoꝝdyng to the purpoꝛte of the same, the said charitie and almes, that shall come to theyr handes of voluntary gyfte, vpon the penalties in this acte for the same prouyded: any clause, sentence, or wordes in the same acte beyng or founden to the contrary hertof not withstandyng.

**¶** Prouyded also, it shall be lefull to all noble men & other, keepinge houses, theyr amners, seruantes, offycers, and mynistres, to gyue in almes the fragmentes or broken meate or drynke of the same, as wel to pooze and indygent people of other parishes, as of the same parishes, where suche house is kepte: any thyng in this acte, or in any prouysion of the same to the contrary not withstandyng.

**¶** Prouyded further moze, that seruyng men departyng from their seruyce by lycence, wyll, death, or excludyon of theyr lord, lady, mayster, or mistress, hauryng of the same theyr lord, lady, maister or mistress letters, or in case of their deathe other sufficiente profe, testifienge the daye of theyr excludyon or departure from suche seruyce, shall not incurre or renne in to any of the punishmentes or penalties compysedde in this acte, for backbandes or sturde beggers, within the space of oone moneth after the day mencioned in the sayde letters, or appertynge by the sayde testymony to be the day of theyr departure from suche seruyces, ne also at or after the same moneth expyred: so that by the ende of suche moneth they shall haue entered into any seruyce, or be otherwyle in labour, accoꝝdyng to the fourme and tenour of this acte.

**¶** PROVIDED also that in as moche as anyers mendyantes haue lyttel or nothyng to lyue vpon, but onely by the charitie and almesse of chrystian people: This acte therfoꝛe, ne any thyng therein conteyned, shall be prejudiciall or hurtfull vnto any personne or personnes for groupnge of them

in generall or particuler any maner almes in money bitayle or other thyng: ne also to them or any of them, for beinge or remainynge out of the places, where they were bozne or had their last habitation, or for passinge abrode to gather the almes and charitie of Chyristen people, or for continuance in theyr religion as they haue ben accustomed to doo: this acte, or any thyng therein mencioned to the contrary not with standynge.

**W**houyded also, that this acte, ne any thyng therein mencioned, be hurtefull or prejudicial to any abbottes pypours or other person or persones of the clergye or other, that by any meanes be bounde to gyue yetelye wekelye or daily almes in money, bytaylor, lodgynge, clothing, or other thing in any monasteries almes howles hospitallles or other foundations or brotherhoodes, by any good auctorite or auncient custome, or of daily charitie by keepynge of poore men, establisshed for that purpose, ne to any person or persons for recepyng of the same, or for theyr abydynge in suche almes howles or hospitallles, accorдынge to suche foundation: He also for almes in redy money or otherwyle to be gyuen to maryners, or other persons that shall fortune to come or be set on lande from shippes perished or lost on the see: or to any person that rydinge goynge or passynge by the way, shall after his or theyr conscience or charitie gyue money or other thyng to lame blynde or sycke aged or impotent people: any thyng in this acte to the contrary mencioned not with standynge.

**I**n acte for lawes and iustice to be ministred in Wales in lyke fourme as it is in this realme. Cap. xxvii.



**L** BE IT THE DOMINION principalltie and countrey of Wales iustly and rightiously is and ever hath ben incorporated annexed united and subiecte to and under the imperiall crowne of this realme, as a very member and soynce of the same: Wherefore the kynges mooste royall maiestie of mere dolyt and very ryght, is very heed kynges lord and ruler. Yet not with standynge bycause that in the same countrey principalltie and dominion dyuers rightes, vsages, lawes, and customes, be farre discrepant from the lawes and customes of this realme, and also bycause that the people of the same dominion haue and do dayely vse a speche nothyng lykene consonant to the naturall mother tonge used within this realme, some rude and ignozant people haue made distinction and diuersitie betwene the kynges subiectes of this realme, and his subiectes of the said dominion and principalltie of Wales, whereby great discorde variance debate diuision murmur and sedicion hath growen betwene his sayde subiectes: His highnes therfore, of a synguler sele, loue, and fauour, that he beareth towarde his subiectes of his sayde domynation of Wales, myndinge and intendynge to reduce them to the perfecte order notice and knowlege of his lawes of this his realme, and bitterly to extirpe all and synguler the sinister vsages and customes

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comes differynge frome the same, and to bypnye his sayde subiectes of this his realme, and of his sayd dominion of wales to an amiable concoyd and vnitie, hath by the deliberate aduise consent and agrement of the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this pzeient parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, ordeined enacted and stablyshed, that his sayd countrey or dominion of wales shall be stonde & continue for euer from henceforth incorporated, vnited, and annexed to & with this his realme of England. And that al & synguler person and persons, bozne & to be bozne in the sayd pzeincipallitie cuntrye or dominion of wales, shall haue enioy and inherite al and synguler fredomes, liberties, rightes, pzeiuileges, and lawes within this realme and other the kynges dominions, as other the kynges subiectes naturally bozne within the same haue enioy & inherite. And that all and synguler person and personnes inheritable to any manours landes tenementes rentes reuertions seruices or other hereditamentes, whiche shall discende after the feast of al saintes nexte comyng, within the said pzeincipallitie cuntrye or dominion of wales, or within any perticuler lordshipp part or parcel of the sayd countrey or dominion of wales, shall for euer from and after the sayd feast of all sayntes, inherite & be inheritable to the same manours landes tenementes rentes reuertions & hereditamentes after the englyshe tenure without diuision or partition, & after the forme of the lawes of this realme of Englande, & not after any tenure ne after the forme of any welthe lawes or customes: And that the lawes ordinaunces and statutes of this realme of England for euer, & none other lawes ordinaunces ne statutes from and after the sayd feast of all sayntes nexte comyng, shall be had, vsed, practised and executed in the sayd countrey or dominion of wales and euery parte therof, in lyke maner forme and order, as they ben and shall be had vsed practised and executed in this realme: and in suche lyke maner & forme, as here after by this acte shall be further establyshed and ordeyned: any acte statute vsage custome pzeident libertie pzeiuilege or other thyng, had made vsed graunted or suffred to the contrary in any wyse notwithstandinge.

¶ And for as moche as there be many & dyuers lordshippes marchers within the sayde countrey or dominion of wales, lyenge betwene the shires of Englande, and the shires of the sayde countrey or dominion of wales, and beinge no parcell of any other shires, where the lawes and due correction is vsed and hadde: by reason wherof hath ensued and hath benne pzeactised perpetrated committed and done within and amonge the sayde lordshippes and countreyes to them adioynnge, manifolde and dyuers detestable murders, byannyng of houses, robberies, theftes, trespasses, rowtes, ryottes, vnlaufull assembles, embzaceries, mayntenaunces, recepyng of felons, oppzeessions, ruptures of the peace, and manifolde other malefactes, contrary to all lawes and iustice: And the sayde offenders thereupon makynge theyr refuge from lordshyppe to lordshyppe, were and continued without punishment or correction: for due reformation wherof, and for as moche as dyuers and many of the sayde lordshippes marchers be now in the handes  
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and possession of our soueraygne lord the kynge, and the smallest number of them in the possession of other lordes, it is therfore enacted by thautozitie aforesayd, that dyuers of the sayde lordshippes marchers shall be vnited, annexed, and ioyned to dyuers of the shires of England: and dyuers of the sayd lordshippes marchers shall be vnited, annexed, & ioyned to dyuers of the shires of the sayd contrey of dominion of wales, in maner & forme hereafter folowynge. And that al the residue of þe sayde lordshippes marchers, wthin the sayd countrey of dominion of wales, shall be leuered & diuided into certayn particular countie or shires: that is to saie, the countie or shire of Monmouth, the countie or shire of Brekenoke, the countie or shire of Radnor, the countie or shire of Montgomery, the countie or shire of Denbigh. And that the lordshippes, townships, parishes, comotes, & cantredes of Monmouth, Chepstowe, Matherne, Flammphangel, Magour, Goldecliffe, Newpporte, Wenllog, Flanwerne, Caerlion, Ulke, Trelecke, Tynterne, Skynstret, Bronsmont, white castel, Reglan, Calicote, Biston, Abergenenny, Denrose, Grenefelde, Maghen, and Hochuplade in the sayd countrey of wales: and all and singular honours, lordshippes, castels, manours, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, lyng or being wthin the compass or precinct of the said lordshippes, townships, hamlettes, parishes, comotes, & cantredes, & euery of them, in whose possession so euer they be or shall be, and euery parte therof, shall stande and be from & after the sayd feast of all sayntes gyldeable, & shall be reputed, acceptyd, named, and taken as parte & membres of the said shire of Monmouth. And that the sayde towne of Monmouth shall be named, accepted, reputed, bled, had, and taken heed & shire towne of the sayd countie or shire of Monmouth. And that the shireffes countie or shire courte, of and for the sayd shire and countie of Monmouth, shall be holden & kept one tyme at the sayde towne of Monmouth, and the nexte tyme at the towne of Newpporte in the same countie or shire, and soo to be kepte in the same two townes alternis vicibus, and accoꝝdynge to the lawes of this realme of Englande for euer, and in none other places.

¶ And it is further enacted by thautozitie aforesayde, that all actions realles, that hereafter shall be conceived, perpetrated or sued for any landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, or any other thyng within the said countie or shire of Monmouth, and all actions personals, wthin the same shire or countie, of the summe of, xl. s. or above, and all actions myrte, shall be sued by originall wytte out of the kynges hygh court of Chancerie in England, and herde determined and tryed befoze the kynges iustices in Englande, or by iurye, or iurye prius wthin the sayd countie of Monmouth, in suche lyke maner forme and wyse, as all other actions realles personals and actions myrte be sued hard determined and tried in or for any shire of this realme of Englande. And that the kynges iustices of his bench, or of his common bench at westm, shall haue full power and auctozitie to directe all maner processe to the shireffe & al other officers of the said countie of Monmouth: and also to directe wyttes of Venire facias, to the same shireffe for þe trial of euery

every issue toynded before them: and also to awarde commissions of *Nullius in regno* into the sayd countie of *Monmouth*, for the triall of suche issues toynded before them, in like maner and forme as they do into every shire of this realme of England. And all and every the kynges subiectes & inhabitantes within the sayd countie of *Monmouth*, shalbe for ever from and after the said feele of al sayntes, obliged and bounden to be obedient and attendant to the lord chauncellour of Englands, the kynges iustices, and other of the kynges moste honorable counsaile, and unto all lawes, customes, ordynances and statutes of this realme of Englands, in lyke maner fourme and tople, as al other the kynges subiectes within every shire of this realme of Englands be obliged and bounden, any act statute vsage custome lybertie privilege, or any other thyng to the contrary in any wise not withstandinge. And that the shereffe of the sayd countie shal holde plee of replegiare, & al other suites and playntes under. cl. s. in his countie or shire court, in lyke maner and fourme as all other shereffes do within this realme of Englands. And that the shereffe, eschetours, and cozoners that here after shalbe within the sayd countie or shire of *Monmouth*, shalbe obliged & bounden to execute all the kynges processe, and to make due retournes therof, and to vse and exercise theyr offices, accordyng to the lawes and statutes of this realme of Englands in al and every thyng, as the shereffes eschetours & cozoners be obliged and bounden to do in all & every other shire of this realme of England. And that the shereffe & eschetours of the sayd shire or countie of *Monmouth*, that hereafter shalbe appoynted by our soueraygne lord the kyng, make theyr accomptes for theyr sayde offices in the kynges eschequer in Englands, in lyke maner & fourme as other shereffes and eschetours do within this realme of Englands, and vpon suche lyke payne and penaltie, as is vpon other shereffes and eschetours in every other shire within this realme of Englands.

And it is enacted by thautortie of the sayd, that the lordshippes, towne-shippes, parishes, comotes, and cantredes of *Brekenoke*, *Creekehowel*, *Creetowre*, *Denkelly*, *Englythe talgarth*, *welsh talgarth*, *Dynas*, *The hape*, *Glynebogh*, *Woyulles*, *Cantercelly*, *Liado*, *Blapullynby*, *Estroewe*, *Buelthe*, and *Langoys*, in the sayd countrey or dominion of wales, and all and synguler honours lordshippes castels manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, lyinge or being within the compas or peryntie of the said lordshippes, parishes, comotes, and cantredes, or any of them, in whose possession so ever they be or shalbe, and every parte therof, shall stand and be for ever, from the sayd feaste of all sayntes, gyltable: and shalbe reputed, accepted, named, and taken as partes and membes of the sayde countie or shire of *Brekenoke*. And that the sayde towne of *Brekenoke* shall be named, accepted, reputed, vled, had, and taken heed and shire towne of the sayd countie or shire of *Brekenoke*. And that the shire court or countie of and for the sayde shire or countie of *Brekenoke*, shall be holden and kepte in the sayde towne of *Brekenoke*.

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And it is enacted by thauctoꝛitie afoꝛesayd, that the lordshippes townships parishes commotes and cantredes of newe Radnoze, Elstherman, Cluelles, Bonghred, Glasebery, Glawdistre, Mithellis church, Heleneth, Blewagh, Knighton, Roxtton, Preston, Comothuder, Rayder, Gwethronpon, and Stanage in the sayde countrey of Wales and euerye of theym, and al and synguler honours, lordshippes, castels, manours, landes, tenementes, & hereditamentes lyeng oꝛ beinge within the compasse oꝛ pꝛecinct of the sayde lordshippes townshippes parishes commotes and cantredes oꝛ any of them, in whose possession so euer they be oꝛ shall be, and euery part therof, shall stand and be foꝛ euer from the saide feast of al saintes, gyltable: and shall be reputed accepted named and taken as partys and membyes of the said countie oꝛ shire of Radnoze. And that the said towne of Newe Radnoze shall be named accepted reputed bled had and taken heed and shire towne of the said countie oꝛ shire of Radnoze. And that the shire courte oꝛ countie of and foꝛ the sayde countie oꝛ shire of Radnoze, shall be holden and kepte one tyme at the sayd towne of Newe Radnoze, and the next tyme at the towne of Rather Gwybe, in the same countie oꝛ shire, and so to be kepte in the same two townes *alternis vicibus* foꝛ euer, and in none other place.

And it is enacted by the auctoꝛitie afoꝛesaid, that the lordshippes townshippes parishes commotes and cantredes, of Mountgomerie, Redewenker, Cawrlande, Arnstely Kenpliock, Doythure, Dowlende, Clunes lād, Balesley, Tempcestre, and Alcestre in the sayd countrey of Wales, and euery of them, and all and synguler honours, lordshippes castels manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, lyenge oꝛ beinge within the compasse oꝛ pꝛecincte of the sayde lordshippes parishes townshippes commotes and cantredes oꝛ any of them, in whose possession so euer they be oꝛ shall be, and euery parte therof, shall stande and be foꝛ euer, from the said feast of all sayntes, gyltable: and shall be reputed accepted named and taken as partes & membyes of the said countie oꝛ shire of Mountgomerie. And that the said towne of Mountgomerie shall be named accepted reputed bled had and taken heed and shire towne of the sayde countie of Mountgomerie. And that the countie oꝛ shire courte of and foꝛ the saide countie oꝛ shire of Mountgomerie, shall be holden and kepte the firste tyme at the said towne of Mountgomerie, and the next tyme at the towne of Maghenleth in the same shire oꝛ countie: and so to be kepte in the same two townes *alternis vicibus*, foꝛ euer, and in none other place.

AND ALSO IT IS enacted by the auctoꝛitie afoꝛesayde, that the lordshippes townships parishes commotes and cantredes of Denbyghlande, Ruthin, saint Caffe, Brynlethowen, Bromfylde, Yale, Chirke and Chirkelande, Moleisdale, and Hopelisdale, in the sayd countrey of Wales, and euery of them: and all and synguler honours lordshippes castelles manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, lyenge oꝛ beinge within the compasse oꝛ pꝛecinct of the sayd lordshippes townshippes commotes & cantredes, oꝛ any of them, in whose possession so euer they be oꝛ shall be, & euery part therof shall

shal stond and be for euer from the said feast of al saintes gyldable: & shal be reputed accepted named and take as partes and meembres of the said countie of shire of Denbygh. And that the sayde towne of Denbigh shal be named accepted reputed vñd hadde and taken heed and shire towne of the countie of shire of Denbygh. And that the countie of shire court of and for the sayde countie of shire of Denbygh, shalbe holden and kepte the fyfte tyme at the said towne of Denbigh, and the next tyme at the towne of Writtham in the sayd shire of countie, and so to be kept in the same two townes *alternis vicibus* for euer and in none other place.

And for as moche as the counties of Myres of Brekenoke, Radnoze, Mountgomery, and Denbigh be far destāt from the cite of London, where the lawes of Englande be commonly vñd ministred exercised and executed: and for that the inhabitauntes of the sayde shires of Brekenoke, Radnoze, Mountgomery, and Denbygh be not of substaunce power and abilitie to trauallye out of theyr countreys to seke the administration of Justice, It is therfore enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that the kyng our souerayne lord shal haue one Chauncerie and eschequier at his castel of Brekenoke, & one other at his towne and Castell of Denbygh. And that the shireffes eschetours and other officers accomptantes of the counties of Brekenoke and Radnoze, Mountgomery and Denbygh, from and after the said feast of al saintes shal be perely appoynted by our souerayne lord the kyng, for & within euery of the sayde shires of Brekenoke Radnoze Mountgomery & Denbygh. And that the sheryffes eschetours and other officers accomptantes of the Counties of Brekenoke and Radnoze, frome and after the sayde feast of all saintes, shal perely make theyr accompte befoze the kynges auditours and suche chambrelayne or baron of the said Eschequier, as shal be ther vnto appoynted by our sayd souerayne lord the kyng, in suche lyke maner and fourme, as sheryffes eschetours and other officers accomptantes do perely make theyr accomptes in the kynges Eschequire at Westmynster within this realme of Englande. And that the sheryffes eschetours and other officers accomptantes of the counties of Mountgomery and Denbygh, from and after the sayde feast of all saintes, shal perely make theyr accompte befoze the kynges auditours, and suche chambrelayne or baron of the sayde Eschequire, as shal be ther vnto appoynted by our sayde souerayne lord the kyng, in suche lyke maner & fourme as shireffes eschetours and other officers accomptauntes, doo perely make theyr accomptes in the kynges eschequire at Westmynster within this realme of Englande. And that Justice shal be ministred, vñd, exercised, and executed, vnto the kynges subiectes and inhabitauntes in euery of the sayd shires of Brekenoke, Radnoze, Mountgomery, and Denbygh, accordynge to the lawes and statutes of this realme of Englande, and accordynge to suche other customes and lawes now vñd in wales aforesayde, as the kyng our souerayne lord, and his most honorable counsaile shal allowe and thynke expedient requisite and necessary by suche Justiciar or Justiciars as shal be ther vnto

therunto appoynted by our sayde souerayne lord the kynge, and after such forme and facion, as iustyce is vsed and ministred to the kynges subiectes within the thre shires of Northwales.

¶ And also it is enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that the lordshippes townes parishes commotes hundredes and cantredes of Weststre: whetington, Malbroke, knokynge, Ellesmere, Downe, & Churbury hundred in the marches of wales aforesayd, and euery of them, & al and singuler honours, lordshippes, castelles, manours, townes, hamlettes, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, lyeng or being within the compas or precinct of the said lordshippes, townes, parishes, commotes, hundredes, and cantredes or any of them, in whose possession so euer they be or shall be, and euery parte therof, shall stand & be for euer, from and after the said feast of all sayntes gyltable and shall be vntited annexed and ioyned to and with the countie of Salop, as a membre part or parcel of the same. And that the sayd lordshippes of Weststre, whetington, Malbroke, and knokynge, with theyr membes, shall be taken, named, and knowen, by the name of the hundred of Weststre in the countie of Salop: And the inhabitauntes therof shall be attendaunt and do euery thyng and thinges at euery sessions Assise and gaole deliquerie to be holden within the countie of Salop, as the inhabitauntes of al other hundredes doo within the sayde countie of Salop, accordynge to the lawes of this realme of Englande. And that the lordshippes of Ellesmere, with the membes of the same, shall be vntited, ioyned, and knytte to the hundred of Dymhill in the countie of Salop: and shall be taken named and knowen to be parcel of the same hundred: and the inhabitauntes therof shall be attendaunt, and do euery thyng and thynges with the inhabitauntes of the sayd hundred of Dymhill, as the inhabitauntes of the same hundred now do and vse, accordynge to the lawes of this realme of Englande. And that the lordshippes of Downe, with the membes, shall be vntited ioyned & knytte to the hundred of Churbury in the countie of Salop: and that the inhabitauntes of the sayde hundred of Churbury and lordshippes of Downe, shall be attendaunte to doo euery thyng and thynges, at euery sessions assise and gaole deliquerie to be holden within the sayde countie of Salop, as the inhabitauntes of all other hundredes do within the sayd countie of Salop, accordynge to the lawes of this realme of Englande. And that the sayde hundred of Churbury after the said feast of all sayntes, nor the saide hundred of Weststre, nor yet the lordshippes of Ellesmere, shall be in no wise other wise prouided, nor haue no other libertie nor prouilege, but as hundredes vntited annexed and knytte to the sayde countie of Salop, as other hundredes be within the sayd countie.

¶ And that the lordshippes, townes, parishes, commotes, hundredes, and cantredes of Ewvas lacy, Ewvas harold, Clyfforde, Wynfoxton, Yerdlesley, Huntyngham, Whytney, Wygmore, Logharneys, and Stepulton, in the said marches of wales, and euery of them: And all and singuler honours lordshippes castels manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, lyng



or beinge within the compass or precincte of the sayde lordeshippes towne parishes commotes hundredes and cantredes, or any of them, in whose possession so ever they be or shalbe, and every parte therof, shall stande and be for ever, from and after the sayde feast of all sayntes gyltable: and shalbe bynted annexed and ioyned to & with the countie of Herefordshe, as a membre partie or parcell of the same countie of Herefordshe. And that the lordshippes of Wygmore and Logharneys, with theyr membres, shall be taken named and knownen by the name of the hundred of Wygmore in the countie of Herefordshe afoze sayde: And that the inhabitauntes therof shall be attendaunte, and do every thyng and thynges, at every sessions assise and gaole delivrie, to be holden within the sayde countie of Herefordshe, as the inhabitauntes of all other hundredes do within the sayde countie of Herefordshe, accordeynge to the lawes of this realme of Englande. And that the hole lordship of Ewas lacy, with the membres, shall be taken named and knownen by the name of the hundred of Ewas lacy within the sayde countie of Herefordshe: And the inhabitantes therof shalbe attendant and do every thyng and thynges, at every sessions assise and gaole delivrie to be holden within the sayd countie of Herefordshe, as the inhabitauntes of all other hundredes do, within the sayde countie of Herefordshe, accordeynge to the lawes of this realme of Englande. And that the lordeshippe of Ewas harolde with the membres, shal be bynted ioyned and knytte to the hundred of Weetre in the sayd countie of Herefordshe, and shalbe taken named & knownen to be parcell of the sayd hundred of Weetre: and the inhabitauntes therof shall be attendante and do every thyng and thynges with the inhabitauntes of the same hundred of Weetre, as the inhabitauntes of the same hundred now do, accordeynge to the lawes of this realme of Englande. And that the lordshippes of Clyfforde, Wynnston, Yerdeley, Whitney, and Hunteyngton, with theyr membres, shal be taken named and knownen by the name of the hundred of Hunteyngton within the countie of Herefordshe afoze sayde: and that the inhabitauntes therof shalbe attendaunte & do ever thyng and thynges, at every sessions assise and gaole delivrie to be holden within the sayd countie of Herefordshe, as the inhabitauntes of all other hundredes do within the sayd countie of Herefordshe, accordeynge to the lawes of this realme of Englande. And that the sayde hundred of Wygmore, with the membres, and the sayde hundred of Ewas lacy, and the sayde hundred of Hunteyngton, and the said lordeshippe of Ewas harolde, annexed vnto the hundred of Weetre, after the sayde feast of all sayntes, shalbe in no wyse other wyse privileged, nor haue no other libertie franchises ne privilege: but as hundredes bynted and annexed to the sayde countie of Herefordshe, and as other hundredes be with in the sayd countie of Herefordshe.

AND THAT the lordeshippes towne and parishes of Wollaston, Cidnam, and Bechelepe, in the sayde marches of wales, and all honours lordshippes castelles manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, lyinge or beinge betwene Chepstowe byrdege in the sayde marches of wales, and

of Gloucester shire, in whose possession so ever they be or shalbe, & every parte thereof, shal stande and be gyltable from and after the said feast of al saintes, and shalbe united annexed and ioyned to and with the sayde countie of shire of Glouc. as a membre parte or parcell of the same. And that the sayde lordshippes towne and parishes of Woolaston, Tidnam, and Becheley, and al honours lordshippes castels manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, lying or beinge betwene the pstore bridge and the shire of Glouc. as is aforesaid, shalbe united joined and knyt to the hundred of wesebery within the sayde shire of Gloucester, and shal be taken named and known to be parte and parcell of the same hundred: and the inhabitants thereof shalbe attendant and do every thyng and thynges with the inhabitants of the said hundred of wesebery, as the inhabitants of the same hundred now do, according to the lawes of this realme of Englad. And y the sayd lordshippes of Woolaston, Tidnam, and Becheley, after the said fest of al saintes, shalbe in no wise privileged, nor have no other libertie franchises ne privilege, but as parcell of the sayde hundred of wesebery in the sayde countie of Gloucester.

And that the lordshippes towne parishes comotes hundredes and cantredes of Gowerkylney, bylshippes towne, Wandasse, Synghynthe supra, Synghynthe subus, Hilsyn, Ogmore, Glynorpheney, Callagarne, Ruthien, Callauan, Lanblethyan, Lantwyd, Cwrtall, Auan, Aethe, Landewey, & the Clays in the sayde countrey of wales and every of them: and al honours lordshippes castels manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, lying or beinge within the compass or precinct of the sayd lordshippes towne parishes, comotes, hundredes, and cantredes, or any of them, in whose possession so ever they be or shal be, and every parte thereof, shal stande and be gyltable for ever from and after the sayd feast of all saintes, and shalbe united annexed and ioyned to and with the countie of Glamorgan, as a membre parte or parcell of the same. And that the sayde shire of Glamorgan & Morgannoke, & al the aforesaid lordshippes towne parishes comotes hundredes and cantredes, united & annexed to the sayd countie of Glamorgan, shal from & after the said fest of al saintes, be reputed named accepted & known by y name of the shire of Glamorgan onely, and by none other name. And y fro and after the sayd feast of al sayntes iustice shalbe ministred and executed to the kynges subiectes and inhabitants of the sayde countie of Glamorgan according to the lawes customes and statutes of this realme of England, and after no welsh lawes: and in suche fourme and faction as iustice is ministred & used to the kynges subiectes within the thye shire of North wales.

And that the lordshippes towne parishes comotes hundredes and cantredes of Lanemthebery, Abermerlefe, Redwely, Ckenyng, Coynwolphon, Newecastell, Emlyn, Abergoyly, in the sayde countrey of wales and every of them: and al honours lordshippes castels manours landes tenementes & hereditamentes, lying or beinge within the compass or precinct of the sayd lordshippes towne parishes comotes hundredes and cantredes or any of the, in whose possession so ever they be or shalbe, & every parte thereof, shal stande & be gyltable

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be gildable for ever, from & after the said feast of all saintes: & shalbe united annexed and ioyned to and with the countie of Kaermerthen, as a membre parte or parcel of the same. And that from & after the said feast of all saintes iustice shalbe ministred and executed to the kynges subiectes and inhabitantes of the sayd countie of Kaermerden, accordyng to the lawes customes & statutes of this realme of England, and after no welthe lawes; and in such forme and facion as iustice is ministred & bled to the kynges subiectes, with in the thre shires of North wales.

¶ And that the lordships to wnes parishes commotes hundredes and cantredes of Banerfordwell, Kilgarran, Llanestfan, Llanegharne other wyse called Tellaugherne, Walwynscastell, Dewys land, Llaneghadwyn, Lansey, Herberth, Sleberche, Rosemarkette, Castell, and Llandoffoure in the sayd countrey of wales and euery of them, and all honours lordshippes castelles manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, lying or being within the compas or precincte of the sayd lordshippes to wnes parishes commotes hundredes and cantredes or any of them, in whose possession so euer they be or shalbe, and euery parte therof, shal stande and be gildable for ever from and after the sayde feast of al sayntes, and shal be united annexed and ioyned to and with the countie of Dembroke. And that from and after the sayd feast of all saintes, iustice shalbe ministred & executed to the kynges subiectes & inhabitantes of the sayd countie of Dembroke, accordyng to the lawes customes and statutes of this realme of Englande, and after no welthe lawes: and in such forme and facion, as iustice is ministred and bled to the kynges subiectes within the thre shires of North wales.

¶ And that the lordshippes to wnes parishes commotes hundredes and cantredes of Tregaron, Gengerlyn, Landwy, Utenp in the saide countrey of wales and euery of them, and all honours lordshippes castelles manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, lying or being within the compas or precincte of the sayde lordships to wnes parishes commotes hundredes & cantredes or any of them, in whose possession so euer they be or shal be, and euery part therof, shal stand and be gildably for ever from & after the saide feast of all sayntes, and shalbe united annexed and ioyned to and with the countie of Cardigan, as a membre parte or parcel of the same. And from & after the sayde feast of all sayntes iustice shal be ministred and executed to the kynges subiectes and inhabitantes of the sayd countie of Cardigan, accordyng to the lawes customes and statutes of this realme of Englande, & after no welthe lawes: and in such forme and facion as iustice is ministred and bled to the kynges subiectes within the thre shires of North wales.

¶ And that the lordship towne and parishes of Southway in the sayd countrey of wales, in whose possession so euer it be: and all landes tenementes & hereditamentes now lying or being within the compas or precincte of the sayde lordshyppe towne and parishes of Southwey or any of them, in whose possession so euer they be or shal be, and euery parte therof, shal stande and be gildable for ever from & after the sayd feast of al sayntes, and shal be united



bnitted annexed and ioyned to and with the countie of Merioneth in North wales, as a commote membze part oꝝ parcell of the same.

¶ Also be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that all Justices, commissioners, shireues, cozoners, eschetours, stewardes, and theyꝝ lieutenantes, and all other officers and ministers of the lawe, shal proclayme and kepe the sessions, courtis, hundzedes, letes, shireues courtes, and all other courtes, in the englyshe tonge: and all othes of officers, iuries, and inquestes, and all other affidauithes verditcs and wagers of lawe, to be gyue and done in the englyshe tonge. And also that from hensforth no persone oꝝ personnes that vse the welthe speche oꝝ langage, shal haue oꝝ inioy any maner office oꝝ fees within the realme of Englande, wales, oꝝ other the kynges dominion, bypon peine of forsaytynge the same offices oꝝ fees, onles he oꝝ they vse and exercise the speche oꝝ langage of englyshe.

¶ And it is further enacted by the auctorite aforesayde, that hit shal be lesulle to the shyreffe of euerye of the foresayde shyres of Monmouth, Brekenoke, Radnoze, Mountgomerey, and Denbighe, and euerye of theym, to putte euery mysruled and suspecte personne within theyꝝ shirewike, vnder common maynpise and suretie of theyꝝ personall apparauce, as the shireffes do within euery of the thye shires of North wales. And that the recognisances of such comen mainpise and suretie of apparauce, take befoze any of the sayde shireffes, shalbe as good and effectuell, as if it were taken by any Justice of recoꝝde. And that the shireffe of the countie of Monmouth, shal certifie such recognisances, common mainpise, oꝝ suretie of apparauce, at euerye quartet sessions, befoze the Justices of peace of the sayde countie of Monmouth. And that euery person and persons, within the said countie of Monmouth, put vnder comen mainpise, & bound to his personal apparauce, shal kepe theyꝝ personall apparauce at the sessions holden within the saide shire of Monmouth, nexte after the clause of Easter, and at the sessions to be holden within the sayd shire nexte after the feast of saynt Mychel tharchangell, vntyll suche tyme that they be therof released after the fourme of the lawe. And that euery of the shireffes of the sayde counties of Brekenoke, Radnoze, Mountgomerey, and Denbygh, and euery of them, shal certifie such recognisances comen mainpise oꝝ suretie of apparauce by them taken, befoze suche Justice as shalbe appoynted by our soueraigne lord the kyng within euery of the said shires, at euery sessions to be holden in any of the sayde shires befoze the same Justice.

¶ And that euery persone and persones within the said counties of Brekenoke, Radnoze, Mountgomerey, and Denbighe: And also within the aboue named counties of Glamorgan, Kermerden, Demboke, and Cardigan, oꝝ any of them, put vnder comen mainpise, and boude to his oꝝ their personal apparauce, as wel by the foresaid shireffes, as by the Justices of any of the said counties: shal kepe theyꝝ apparances befoze the sayd Justices at euery sessions within the said counties to be holden in suche lyke maner and fourme, as is vled in the thye shires of North wales.

**A**nd for that þ lozdes marchers befoze this pzeſent parliament haue bleſed to put theyꝝ tenants within their lozdsſhips marchers vnder ſuch common maynpziſe and ſuretie of apparance, and haue had the foꝛſaytuꝛes therof: whiche foꝛ euer ſtom and after the ſayd feaſt of all ſayntes ſhal vtterly ceſſe and determine: Therfoze be it enacted by the auctozittie afozeſayde, that after the ſaid feaſt of all ſayntes, euery lay and tempoꝛall perſon nowe beinge a lozde marcher, ſhall haue the moytie oꝛ halfe of euery foꝛſaytuꝛe of al and euery common maynpziſe, recogniſance foꝛ the peace, oꝛ apparance foꝛſayted by any of their tenants, inhabyttinge within any of their lozdsſhyppes marchers: and they to be payde the ſame moytie oꝛ halfe by the handes of the ſhyꝛeffe of euery of the ſayde countieſ, where ſuche foꝛſaytuꝛes ſhall be, if the ſhyꝛeffe can leuie the ſame: and the ſame ſhiꝛeffe to accompte to oure ſouerayne lozde the kyng foꝛ the other halfe oꝛ moytie, in ſuche eſchequie as they be bounde to be accomptant.

**B**e it further enacted by the auctozittie afozeſayde, that immediatly vpon the pꝛozogation oꝛ diſſolution of this pzeſent parlyamēt, the lozde chauncellour of Englande ſhal dyꝛecte the kynges cōmiſſion vnder his graciſ great ſeale, to ſuche perſons as to hym ſhall be thought conueniente, to enqꝛye and vewe all the ſayde ſhyꝛes of Kermerden, Dembroke, Cardigan, Mommouth, Brekenoke, Radnoꝛ, Moutgomeret, Glamozgan, & Denbigh, and euery parte and parcell of them: and vpon ſuch vewe and ſerche, to diuide them & euery of them into ſo many hundꝛedes, as they ſhal thynke moſt meſteſt and conueniente: And the hundꝛedes ſo diuided, ſhall retourne and certifie with the ſayde cōmiſſion into the hyghe Courte of Chauncery befoze the ſayde feaſte of all ſayntes, and the ſame to remayne of Recoꝛde, and to be of ſuche foꝛce and effecte, as hit were by acte of parlyamente. And that the ſayde hundꝛedes, after the ſayde Certificate, ſhall be bleſed and taken, as other hundꝛedes be in euery other ſhyꝛe within this realme of Englande.

**F**urthermoze it is enacted by thauctozittie afozeſayde, that immediatly after the pꝛozogation oꝛ diſſolution of this pzeſente parlyamente, the lozde chauncellour of Englande ſhall diꝛecte the kynges cōmiſſion vnder his graciſ great ſeale, to ſuche perſons as to hym ſhalbe thoughte conuenient, to enquire and ſerche out by all wayes and meanes that they canne, all and ſyngular lawes, vſages, and cuſtomes, bleſed within the ſayd dominion and countrey of wales: and the ſame ſhall retourne and certifie to the kynges highnes and his moſt honourable counſayle befoze the ſayd feaſt of al ſain-tes nexte cōmyng: and that vppon delibꝛate abuſe therof hadde and taken, all ſuch lawes, vſages, & cuſtomes, as the kynges highnes & his ſaid moſt honozable counſayle ſhall thynke expedient requiſite and neceſſarie to be had bleſed & exerciſed in the befoze reherſed ſhiꝛes oꝛ any of them, oꝛ in any other ſhyꝛe of the dominion oꝛ countrey of wales, ſhall ſtande and be of full ſtrength vertue and effecte, and ſhall be foꝛ euer inuolably obſerued hadde bleſed and executed in the ſame ſhyꝛes, as if this acte hadde neuer ben had ne made

made: any thyng in the same acte conteyned to the contrarie in any wyse notwithstandinge.

¶ And it is further enacted by thautozitie aforesayde, that for this presente parlyament, and all other parlyamentes to be holden and kepte for this realme, two knyghtes shall be chosen and elected to the same parlyamente for the shire of Dommouth, and one burges for the borough of Dommouth, in lyke maner fourme and order, as knyghtes and burgeis of the parliamēt be ellected and chosen in all other shires of this realme of Englande: And that the same knyghtes and bourgeis shall haue lyke dignitie preeminence & priuilege, and shall be allowed suche fees, as other knyghtes and burgeis of the parlyament haue benne allowed: And the knyghtes fees to be leuied percepued receiued gathered and payd in suche maner fourme and order, as suche fees be gathered leuied percepued recepued and payde in other shires of this realme of Englande: And the burgeis fees to be leuied as well within the burgh of Dommouth, as within al other ancient burghes within the sayde shire of Dommouth.

¶ And that for this present parlyament, and all other parlyamentes, to be holden and kepte for this realme, one knyghte shall be chosen and elected to the same parlyamentis for euerye of the shires of Brekenoke, Radnoze, Mountgomerey, and Denbygh, and for euery other shire within the sayde countrey or dominion of wales: and for euery borough, being a shire towne within the sayd countrey or dominion of wales, except the shire towne of the aforesaid countie of Merteoneth, one burgeis: And the election to be in lyke maner fourme and order, as knyghtes and burgeis of the parlyamente be elected and chosen in other shires of this realme. And that the knyghtes and burgeis and euery of them, shall haue lyke dignitie preeminence and priuilege, and shall be allowed suche fees as other knyghtes of the parlyament haue and be allowed: And the knyghtes fees to be leuied and gathered of the commons of the shire that they be elected in: and the burgeis fees to be leuied and gathered as well of the boroughes and shire townes as they be burgeis of: as of all other ancient boroughes within the same shire.

¶ And it is further enacted by thautozitie aforesaid, that al and euery lay and tempoꝝall persone and persones now beynge lordes marchers, and havyng any lordships marchers, or lordships riāls, shall from and after the sayde feast of all sayntes, haue all suche myles and profites of their tenants, as they haue had or vled to haue at the fyrst entree into their landes in tymes past: And also shall haue holde and kepe within the precincte of their lordships, courtis baron, Court letis, and lawdayes, and al and euery thing to the same courtis belongynge. And also shall haue within the precincte of their sayde lordshippis or lawday, wayfe, straife, Infanthes, outlanthes, treasure troues, deodandes, goodes and cattals of felons, and of persones condemned or outlawed of felony or murder: or put in exigent for felony or murder: & also wyke de mere, wharfage, and customes of straungers, as they haue had in times past, and as though suche priuileges were granted vnto them



them by our soueraygne lord the kyng by poynte of charter: any thyng in this present acte to the contrary notwithstanding.

**¶** Provided alway, that this present acte, nor any thyng therein conteyned shall take away or derogate any lawes blages or lawdable customes nowe vled within the thre shires of Northewales: Nor shall not depriue nor take away the holle liberties of the Duchie of Lancaster, but that the sayd liberties shal continue and be vled in euery lordshipp parcel of the sayde Duchie within the dominion or countrey of wales, as the liberties of the sayd Duchie be vled in shyre grounde, and not countie palantyne within this realme of Englande.

**¶** Provided also that this act nor any thyng therein conteyned do not extend nor be preiudicial to any persō or persons to auoyde any patent, ioynt patent of any office fees annuities or reuertio of any office fees or annuities to them graunted for terme of their lyfe or liues by our soueraygne lord the kyng, or by any other persone or persons, other for the vsing exercising or occupieng of any maner office, or otherwise, but that they shall haue and enioye theyr sayde fees, and all other offices of constableshippes, porteshippes, stewardshippes of letes, lawe dayes, courte barons, and other offices, beyng not repugnante agaynst this acte: And in case any such offices be repugnant agaynst this acte: that then the grauntees to haue and enioy theyr fees, during their lyfe or liues: any article or clause in this present acte to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

**¶** Provided also, that this acte nor any thyng therein conteyned, be not in any wise preiudicial to the ryghte honourable Henry erle of worcester, for the exercising vsing & occupieng of the office of the iustice of the hole countie of Glamorgan, any thyng in this present acte conteyned to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

**¶** Provided also that this acte nor any thyng therein conteyned, extend not to depriue take away or derogate any other actes befoze this tyme made for the triall of treason murder or felonies, or accessories of the same, committed and done in any lordshipp marcher in wales, or in the next shires of Englande adioynynge to the sayde lordshipp marcher.

**¶** Provided alway, that landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, lyenge in the sayde countrey and dominion of wales, whiche haue benne vled tyme out of minde by the lawdable customes of the sayde countrey, to be departed and departable amonge issues and heires males, shall styll so continue and be vled in lyke fourme facion and condition, as if this acte had neuer ben hadde nor made, any thyng in this acte to the contrary therof notwithstanding.

**¶** Provided also and be it enacted by auctorite aforesayd, that the kinges hyghnes, notwithstanding this acte, or any thyng therein conteyned, shall haue power and auctorite for the terme of three yeres nexte after the ende & dissolution of this presente parliament, to suspende for suche tyme as shall please his grace, or utterly to repeale reuoke and abrogate this hole acte, or

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any parte therof from tyme to tyme, as shall stande with his most gracious pleasure, so that euery suche suspendyng repeale and reuocation from time to tyme, as often as any suche case shal happen, shalbe made in wytyng vnder the greates seale of Englande, and be annexed to the rolle of this present parliament, wherein this acte shalbe enrolled, and proclamations therupon to be made in euery shere within the said countrey & dominion of wales. And that euery such suspendyng repeale and reuocation so to be hadde and made by the kynges hyghnes, shall be as good and effectualle to all intentes and purposes, as if the same hadde be doone by auctorite of this presente parliament: this acte of any thyng therein conteyned to the contrary therof not withstandyng.

¶ And whete by this presente acte there is appoynted one Chauncerie and one eschequire at Brekenoke: and an other chancerie and eschequire at Denbigh, it is enacted by auctorite aforesaid, that the kynges hyghnes from time to tyme within the terme of fyue yerres next after the ende of this parliament, for due ministration of iustice in the sayde countrey of wales, shall haue power and auctorite to erect make and ordeyne suche courtes or courtes, and so many courtes of recoorde, and such and so many iustices ministers officers and clerkes, as by his hyghnes within the tyme of fyue yerres nexte after the ende of this present parliament shalbe thought sufficient and convenient, as wel for the due execution of this acte or of any thinge or thinges that shalbe had done or made by auctorite of the same, as for the good gouernaunce and rule of the sayde contrey of wales.

¶ Provided alwaie, that this acte, or any thyng or thinges to be done by auctorite therof, shall not be prejudiciall to any person or personnes, whiche now haue by the kynges letters patentes any office or offices of Justice barre or clerke of the crowne in the sayd countrey & dominion of wales, but that they & euery of them shal and may styll haue and vse theyr offices, in as large and ample maner forme facion and condition, as if this acte, or any thyng to be doone by auctorite therof had neuer be had nor made: any thing in this acte to the contrary therof not withstandyng.

¶ Provided also that this acte or any thing therein conteyned, extend not, or in any wise be prejudiciall or hurtful to Sir Walter Deuereux knyght of the noble order of the garter, lord Ferrers and of Chartley, of for and concerninge the offices of chiefe Justice of southe wales, the office of chaumberlaine of Southwales, and of the counties of Carmarden and Cardigan in southe wales aforesayd: And of and for the office of the stewardship of the lordship of Bealthe in the marches of southwales, & of & for the office of receiourship of the sayde lordshyppe of Bealthe: or of for or concerninge any of the sayde offices: but that the sayd lord Ferrers may haue vse exercise & enioy the said offices and euery of them, with all fees wages emolumentes commodities & profits to the same offices or to any of them in any wise belongyng and apperteynyng, in as large and ample maner forme and condition, as if this acte had neuer be had nor made.

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## An acte establisshinge the court of augmentacions.

Capitulo. xxviii.



As moche as in this present parliament, begon at London in the thyrde daye of Nouembre, in the. xxi. yere of the reygne of the kyng our soueraygne lord, and from thens adioyned vnto westm, and there holden, and from that tyme continued by dyuerse prorogacions, vnto the fourth daye of februarye, in the. xxvii. yere of his mooste noble reygne: and then there holden, it is enacted ordeyned and establisshed, by the assente of the kynges maiestie, his lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this presente parlyamente assembled, & by auctoritie of the same, that his maiestie shulde haue and enioye to hym his heires and successours for ever, all and syngular suche monasteries, priories, and other religyous houses, of monkes, chanons, and nunnes, of what kyndes or diuersities of habites rules or orders so euer they be called or named, whiche haue not in london tenementes rentes tithes pencionis and other hereditamentes aboue the clere yerely value of two hundred poundes: and all the scites and circuites of all suche religyous houses, and all and syngular the manours granges meses landes tenementes reuertions rentes seruices tithes pencionis portions aduousons patronages ryghtes entrees condicions and other hereditamentes apperteynyng and belongyng to every suche monastery priory and other religyous house, not hauinge as is afoze sayde landes & tenementes aboue the sayde clere yerely value of two hundred poundes, in as large & ample maner, as the abbottes priours abbes priores and other gouernours of suche monasteries priories and other religyous houses then had or ought to haue had the same in the ryght of their houses. And that his hyghnes shall haue to hym and to his heires all and syngular suche monasteries abbeyes and priories, whiche at any tyme within one yere, nexte afoze the makinge of the sayd acte, haue ben gauen and graunted to his maiestie by any abbotte priour abbesse or prioresse, vnder their conuente seales, or that otherwyse haue ben suppressed or dissolued: and al and syngular the manours landes tenementes rentes seruices reuertions tithes pencionis portions churches chapels aduousons patronages ryghtes entrees condicions, and all other interestes and hereditamentes, to the same monasteries abbeyes or priories or to any of them apperteynyng or belongyng, to do and vse therewith his and their owne wylls, to the pleasure of almyghty god, and to the honout and profite of this realme.

And further it is ordeyned by the sayd act, that the kynges maiestie shuld haue and enioye all such ornaments Jewelles goodes cattalles and dettes, whiche apperteyned or belonged to any of the chiefe gouernours of the sayd monasteries or religyous houses, in the ryght of their sayde monasteries or houses at the fyrst day of marche, in the yere of our lord god. M. D. XXXV. or at any tyme sythen, where so euer, & to whose possessions so euer they shall come



come oꝝ be founde, excepte suche goodes catelles and other thynges excepted and forpysed in the sayde acte, as by the same acte amonge other thynges moze playnely at large may appere.

**I**f oꝝ the moze suretie and establisshement wherof, and to the intent that the kynges maiestie, his heires and successours shalbe petely as well trewely and iustely answered contented and payd of the rentes fermes issues reuenues and profites ryssynge commynge and growynge of the sayd manours landis tenementes and other hereditamentes before specified, as of the good catelles plate stufte of householde dettes money stocke store and other what so euer profite and commoditie gyuen graunted oꝝ appointed to the kynges maiestie by the same, in suche courte place fourme maner and conditton, as here after shall be lymitted declared and appoynted: Be it enacted ordeined and establisshed by thassent of the kynges maiestie, his lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this pꝛesent parlyamente assembled, and by auctorite of the same in maner and fourme as hereafter foloweth in articles.

That is to say:

**I**f yste the kyng our sayde soueraygne lord, by auctoritie aforesayde ordeyneth maketh establissheth and erecteth a certayne courte, commonly to be called, The courte of thaugmentations of the reuenues of the kynges crowne, whiche courte, by auctoritie aforesayde continually shalbe a courte of recoꝛde, and shall haue one greate seale and one pꝛiue seale to be engraued and made after suche fourme falcion and maner as shalbe appointed by the kynges hyghnes, and shall remayne and be ordeined, as hereafter shall be declared.

**A**lso be it enacted by auctorite aforesayde, that there shalbe one certayne person to be named and assigned by the kynges hyghnes, whiche shalbe chauncellour of the sayd courte, and shalbe chiefe and pꝛincipall officer of the same courte, and shalbe called chauncellour of the courte of thaugmentations of the reuenues of the kynges crowne and shall haue the kepyng of the sayde, greate seale and pꝛiue seale, to be assigned for the sayde courte.

**A**lso that there shalbe one personne to be named by the kynges hyghnes, whiche shall be called the kynges Treasourer of the courte of thaugmentations of the reuenues of the kynges crowne, and shalbe the seconde officer of the same courte.

**A**lso it is ordeyned by auctoritie aforesayde, that there shalbe one persone lerned in the lawes of the lande, to be named by the kynges hyghnes, whiche shalbe called the kynges attourney of the sayde courte, and shalbe the thirde officer of the same courte.

**A**lso that there shalbe one personne to be named by the kynges hyghnes, whiche shalbe called the kynges Solicitour of the sayde courte, and shall be the fourth officer of the courte.

**A**lso that there shalbe tenne particular auditors to be named by the kynges hyghnes, whiche shall be called auditors of the reuenues of the sayde augmentations.

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¶ Also there shall be. xiiij. particular recepuours, to be named by the kynges hyghnes, whiche shall be called recepuours of the sayde reuenues.

¶ Also that there shall be one personne to be named by the kynges hyghnes, whiche shall be called clerke of the sayde courte: and one other persone, whiche shall be huiſher of the same courte: and one other person, whiche shall be called Meſſanger of the same courte, whiche huiſher and meſſanger shall be named by the kynges hyghnes, and eyther of them shall haue ſuche percelle fees, rewardes and profites as the huiſher and meſſenger of the douchy chāber of weſtmynſter haue and perceyue.

¶ Also the sayde chauncellour, whiche shall be appoynted by the kynges hyghnes, shall take a coꝝpozall othe afoꝛe the lord chancellor of England foꝛ the tyme beinge, after the tenour enſuing: Ye shall ſweare, that ye wel & trewely shall ſerue the kyng in the office of chauncellourſhippe of the augmentations of the reuenues of the kynges crowne, and shall miniſter equall iuſtice to ryche and poꝛe, to the beſt of your cunnynge wittie and power: and that ye shall diligently procure all thynges, whiche maye honeſtly and iuſtly be to the kynges aduantage & profite, & to the augmentation of the rightes and prerogatiues of his crowne, and trewely uſe the kynges ſeales appoynted to your office, and alſo endeuour your ſelfe to the vttermoſt of your power to ſee the kyng trewely answered of all ſuche rentes reuenues iſſues and profites, whiche shall oꝛ may ariſe oꝛ growe in your office, and from tyme to tyme deliuer wth ſpede ſuche as shall haue to do afoꝛe you, and that ye shall not take noꝛ receyue of any persone any gyfte oꝛ rewarde in any cauſe oꝛ matter dependynge befoꝛe you, oꝛ wherin the kynges highnes ſhall be partie, whereby any pꝛeſent or future hinderaunce loſſe oꝛ diſheriſon ſhall growe oꝛ be to the kynges hyghnes, ſo helpe you god and all ſayntes.

¶ Also that the sayde Treſourer shall take a coꝝpozall othe befoꝛe the sayde chauncellour of the sayde courte, accordynge to the tenour enſuyng: Ye shall ſweare that ye ſhall wel and trewely ſerue the kyng our ſouerayne lord and his people in the office of Treſourer of this courte: And ye shall reaſonably and honeſtly procure the kynges profite, and do ryghte to all maner of people poꝛe and ryche, in thoſe thynges whiche touche your office, and the kynges treaſure ye shall truly kepe and diſpende, and true declaration and accompt therof shall make from tyme to tyme without any concilement accordynge to this acte made foꝛ the ſtablyſhement of this court, and further shall do euery thyng that of ryght apperteyne to your office, ſoo helpe you god and all ſayntes.

¶ Also eyther of the sayde attourney and Solicitour shall take a coꝝpozalle othe befoꝛe the sayde chauncellour accordynge to the tenour enſuing: Ye shall ſweare that ye wel & truly ſhall ſerue the kyng as his attourney in al courtis foꝛ & concernynge any matter oꝛ cauſe, that ſhall concerne oꝛ touch the poſſeſſions & hereditamētes limited to the ſuruey and gouernance of this courte, and procure the kynges profite therof, and that ye ſhall trewely counſell the kyng & his chauncellour of this courte in al thynges concerning the ſame, to  
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the best of your cunnyng witte and power; and with al speede and diligence from tyme to tyme at the callinge of the sayd chancellour, ye shall endeavour your self for the heryng & determination indifferently of such matters & causes, as shal depend befoze the sayd chancellour: And that ye shal not take a-ny gyfte or rewarde in any matter or cause dependinge in the same court, or els where, wher in the kyng shal be partie, wherby the kynges maiestie shal be hurted hindred or disherited: and further do all and every thing, that shal apperteyne to your office, so helpe you god and al sayntes.

¶ Also that every of the sayd auditours shal take a corporall othe befoze the sayd chauncellour after the tenour ensuyng: Ye shall sweare that ye shall well and trewely serue the kyng in your office, and trewe allowaunce make to every personne, whiche shal be accomptaunte befoze you: ye shall not take no receyue of poore or ryche any gyfte or rewarde, in any matter or cause dependyng or to be discussed in the same court, but suche that shal be your ordinarie fees. And ye shall do al and every other thyng, whiche shal apperteyne to your office, so helpe you god and al sayntes.

¶ Also that every of the said particuler receiours shal take a corporall othe befoze the sayd chauncellour after the tenour ensuyng: Ye shall sweare, that ye truly shall serue the kyng in your office, and nothyng concele, but trewe accompte make of all suche revenues rentes sommes of money and other profits, wherwith ye shall be lawfully charged by reason of your office: ye shall make no petition nor aske allowance, but suche as shal be good iuste and true and resonable: And ye shall do all and every thyng and thynges, whiche ye ought to do by reason of your office, accoꝝdyng to the fourme and effecte of this acte, so helpe you god and al sayntes.

¶ Also that the said clerke of the counsell shal take a corporall othe befoze the sayd chauncellour after the tenour ensuyng: Ye shall sweare, that ye shall well and truly serue the kyng in your office of clerke of the counsell of this court, and truly do and execute all and every thyng and thynges, which ye ought to do by reason of your office, accoꝝdyng to the fourme and effecte of this acte, so helpe you god and al sayntes.

¶ Also be it enacted by auctorite afoze sayd, that all the sayd monasteries priories and other religious houses, whiche be dissolved and come, or shall come to the kynges hyghnes by the acte afoze sayd, and al the manours messuages landes tenementes rentes seruises riches pencions porcions aduousons patronages and all hereditamentes apperteynyng or belongyng to any the sayd monasteries priories or other religious houses, shal be in the order suruey and gouernaunce of p<sup>r</sup> said court, and of the officers and ministers thereof: and al the fermes tithes revenues and profits cominge & growyng of the premises or any parte thereof, shal be taken and receyued to the kynges use by the ministers and officers of the same court, in maner and forme as hereafter shal be declared. Except al ways and reserved such and as many of the same monasteries priories and houses, with all theyr hereditamentes possessions goodes and catalles, whiche the kynges maiestie, by his letters

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patentes vnder his greatescale, shall declare and lymitte to continue and be in their assential estate, and to perseuer in the body and coppozation, as they were before the makinge of the sayde acte.

¶ Also be it enacted by auctorite aforesayde, that al those manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, which the kinges highnes hath purchasid & nowe remain in his graces handes, or in the handes or possession of any person or persons to his vse, and whiche hereafter his highnes shall purchase, shall be & remain in the order suruey & gouernance of the sayd court, in forme as is aboue rehearsed. ¶ Also be it enacted by auctorite aforesaid, that al giftis, grauntes, releases, confirmacions, leases, letters patentes, and other writings, whiche shall be in the name of the kynges highnes, his heires or successours of any estate of frehold only, or any for terme of yeres, or at wil or at pleasure, of any manours landes tenementes or other hereditamentes, what so euer they be, whiche be before assigned to the order suruey & gouernance of the said court, or of any rent charges, annuities, nexte aduowdaunce of aduowsons, offices, or wardes, to be gyven lettin or granted out of the same or any part thereof, or by any meanes concerninge the said court, or any of the premises committed to the suruey of the sayde court, to any person or persons or bodie polittike, or of any office apperteyninge or belongynge to the sayd court of Augmentation, shall be made by the clerke of the sayde court, or his deputie or deputies, and subscribed with his own propre hande and name, & sealed with the great scale, assigned to and for the sayde court. And that all and every suche gyftes grauntes releases confirmacions, leases, letters patentes, and other writings, whiche shall be made and sealed as is aforesayde, shall be good and effectuell in the lawe without lyueray and season or attournement against the kynges highnes, his heires and successours, accordyng to the tenours purpotes and effectes of suche gyftes grauntes releases confirmacions leases, letters patentes, or other writings so to be made. And that the sayd Chauncellour vppon every warraunt to be directed to hym vnder the kynges sygne manuell, shall haue power and auctorite to cause to be made by the sayd clerke of the sayde court, or his deputie or deputies in due order and fourme all suche gyftes, grauntes, releases, confirmacions, leases, letters patentes, or other writings as is aforesayde, accordyng to the tenour and effecte of every suche warraunte, whiche to hym shall be dyrected, and to seale all suche patentes and writings with the sayd greatte scale remaynyng in his custody: the sayde chauncellour and other officers to take for his and theyr fees, for the ensealynge and wyting of every patente suche fees or fees as is taken by the Chauncellour or other officer or officers of the kynges duchie of Lancastre, in lyke case. And that the sayde Chauncellour shall haue power and auctorite to take surrender of any leases or letters patentes that shall be made vnder the sayde scale in his custody, and to make cancellation of suche leases and letters patentes, that shall be to hym surrendered, and cause the day tyme and yere of every suche surrender to be registered and enrolled by the sayd clerke of the sayde court.

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**A**lso the said chauncellour by the consent of the Tresourer attorney and Solicitour, or two of them, without any warrant from the kinges highnes, shall haue power and auctozitie to make any woodsales in or vpon any the manours landis tenementes, or hereditamentis, limited to the order suruey and gouernance of the said courte. And shall also haue lyke power and auctozitie in the kynges name to make leses for termes of. xxi. yeres. and not aboue, by letter patentes, to be witten by the said clerke of the same courte and his deputie or deputies, and the name of the said clerke to be subscribed as is aforesaid, and to be sealed with the saide great seale, of any of the manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes afoze mencioned, which be appoynted, or herafter shall happen to be in the order and gouernace of the said courte, the said chauncellour and other officer or officers, takynge for his or their fees therof, as is aforesaid: And that euery lease so to be made, shall be good & effectual in the law agaynst the king his heires & succelloys, accordig to the tenor and effect of the same. Prouided alwey, y vpon euery such lease to be made by the said chancellour, there shall be reserued to the kinges highnes & to his heires so moch yerely rent & profit, as the landes tennis or hereditamentis cōprised in such leses, haue ben letten heretofore or more, or after suche yerely value as they shall be certified by the kinges cōmissioners into the said court. Prouided also that no leses for terme of yeres shall be made of any reuerſion, without the kynges speciall warrant for the same.

**A**lso the sayd clerke of the said courte shall entrol & registre in a gret boke in parchement all and euery those giftes grātes releſſes cōfirmations leses letters patentes and all other wrytinges, whiche shall be made and graunted vnder the said great seale: and also the dape tyme and yere of the surrender of any of them, whan any suche surrender shall happen, whiche register of enrollementes, shall remayne and be safely kepte in the said court, as a recorde to the kynges vse, by the appoyntment of the sayd chauncellour. And that also the said clerke shall enter in a boke the apparances of euery person that shall be called to appere before the said chauncellour: and all actes decrees and orders, that shall be made by the said Chancellour & counsaile, takynge such fees for the same, & for wryting and enrolling of any giftes grātes releſſes cōfirmations leses letters patentes or other wrytynges, as the clerke of the Duchie of Lancastre hath ben accustomed to take and haue.

**A**lso it is enacted by auctozitie aforesaid, that vpon all and synghuler letters patentes to be made vnder the great seale of England, of any manours landes tennis and hereditamētes, belonging or apperteynyng to any of the said houses, compriſed in the sayd act, and cōmitted to the suruey of the said court, to any person or persons or body politike for any estate of enheritāce, there shall be alweys reserued to the kynges hyghnes his heires and succelloys a tenure by knyghtes seruyce in Capite, and a yerely rent of the. x. part of the yerely value of the landes to be compriſed in euery suche letters patentes, accordig to suche rate, as the same manours landes and tenementes gyven, shall be expresse to be of yerely value in the same letters patentes:

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Any thyng or clause conteyned in any warrant to the contrarye therof not withstandyng. And that the sayd rent so reserued vpon any such estate, shall be contented and payde to the officers of the sayd courte to the kynges vse, accordyng as other reuenues there shall be payd. And that none auerrement shall be made or admitted by or for the kyng or any other persone, that the same manours landes and tenementes be of moze petelye value than in the same letters patentes shall be declared.

¶ Also the sayd chauncellour shall haue power and auctozitie to take reconysances of euery partycular recepuour, which shall be assigned for the said courte and of his sureties, for the sure paymente of his resceptes. And also to take reconysaunces in the kynges name of euery former baillyffe reue or other accomptantes, for the true payment of receptes: and of euery persone and persones, whiche shall be enderted to the kynges highnes for any arrearages of his rescepte ferme or charge, as for any other cause for and concernyng any of the premises. And that all suche reconysances, of what tyme so euer they be, shall be as good and effectualle in the lawe, to all intentes and purposes, as reconysaunces taken in the kynges Chauncery, or elles where befoze any Judge of Recorde.

¶ Also it is ordeyned by auctozitie aforesayde, that the Chauncellour of the same courte for the tyme beinge, shall haue full power and auctozitie to awarde wyttes of Scire fac. vnder the great seale of his office vppon euery suche reconysances in the sayd courte to be taken, if case soo requyre, and to holde plice vpon the same, and to awarde execution to all intentes and purposes, as is vsed and accustomed to be done in the kynges hyghe courte of chauncery. Provided alway, that if any issue of triall, triable by the verdy of. xii. men fortune to arysse in the pledyng of the same, that then in euerye suche case the sayd chauncellour shall and maye deliuer the recorde therof to the Justices of the kynges benche, for tyme beinge, and theruppon the sayd courte of the kynges benche to doo euery thyng for the triall of the same issue, as they ought to do, in case the sayd issue or triall had ben sent or deliuered to them out of the kynges courte of chauncery. And after the triall therof in due fourme had, and the iugement therupon giuen, the iustices of the kynges benche to haue power to awarde execution accordyngely: and the money therof coming to be deliuered by the same Justices or clerke of the papers of the same courte to the tresourer of the said courte of Augmentations to the kynges vse.

¶ Also that the sayd Chauncellour for the tyme beinge, shall haue full power and auctozitie to awarde vnder the priuie seale, appoynted to the sayd courte, in the kynges name, suche processe and preceptes with reasonable paynes to be therein lymitted, as be nowe commonly vsed in the courte of the kynges duchie chambze of Lancaster beinge at westm, agaynste euerye person or persones, what soo euer they be, for and concernyng the intereste ryghte and tyle of the kynges maiestie, his heires and succellours of in or to any of the premises, lymitted to the suruey and gouernaunce of the sayd courte



courte: oꝛ of oꝛ foꝛ any rente accompte receite oꝛ seruices in any wyse to be chynge oꝛ concerninge the same pꝛemisses oꝛ any parte of theym, foꝛ and on the behalfe of our sayde soueraygne loꝛde the kynge, oꝛ of oꝛ foꝛ any dette ryngye oꝛ growynge by occasion of the same. ¶ Also it is ordeyned by the auctozitie aforesayde, that the sayde Attourney and Solycitour, shal diligently from tyme to tyme attende vppon the chauncellour in the sayd courte, foꝛ the herynge and ordering of matters and causes in the sayd courte: and procure with all dilgence, that all rentes fermes pꝛofytes casualties emprowmentes, and all other emolumentes of the manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, beinge in the suruey and gouernance of the sayde courte, shal be truely and iustely payde and answered to the tresorier of the sayde court, to the vse of the kynges hyghnes, without concelyng any part therof. And shal also cause and procure processe to be made agaynst suche as shalbe indetted to the kynges highnes, and their sureties of and foꝛ any parte thereof from tyme to tyme, as the time oꝛ case shal require.

¶ Also it is enacted by auctozitie aforesayde, that if any of the sayde officers appoynted foꝛ the same court, do concele oꝛ withdraue wyllyngly any rentis reuenues casualties oꝛ other goodes gyuen to the kynge by the sayde acte: that then the officer so offendynge, shal lose the double value of the thyng so concealed oꝛ withdraue.

¶ And it is ordeyned and enacted by auctozitie aforesayd, that euery of the sayd particuler auditours and recepuours shalbe attendant vpon the sayde chauncellour from tyme to tyme as causes shal require. And that euery of the sayde particuler recepuours shal well diligently and effectuallye gather and leuy to the kynges vse, all suche fermes issues and pꝛofytes, as shal be limited to his charge, and distreyn foꝛ the same, if nede so require. And that euery of the sayde particuler recepuours and auditours, so ioyned together by thappoyntment of the sayde chauncellour shal well and truely suruey al maner of reparations nedeful to be done in oꝛ vpon any of the sayde manours landes tenementes oꝛ hereditamentes lymitted to his charge, and appoynt the sayd reparations to be done to the kynges most pꝛofite and least charge. And also to suruey the wodes lymitted to their charge, and what woodsales shal be conuenient to be made, and make Certificate of the pꝛemisses from tyme to tyme to the sayde chauncellour.

¶ Also it is ordeyned by auctozitie aforesayde, that all the rentes fermes issues and pꝛofytes of the sayde religious houses manours landes tenementes, and of all other the pꝛemisses, whiche be assigned to the order suruey and gouernance of the sayde courte, as they shal growe due and be payable, shal be payed and deliuered to the handes of the sayde Tresourer by euery of the sayde particuler recepuours to be saufely kepte to the kynges vse: And that euery acquittance, whiche shalbe subscribed with the name and hande of the sayde Tresourer, made to any of the sayde particuler recepuours, oꝛ to any person oꝛ persons, wherby shal appere that the sayde Tresourer shal haue receyued of any of the sayde particuler recepuours, oꝛ other persone oꝛ persons

personnes, any of the fermes rentes issues and pꝛofites in the charge of the sayde particuler recepuours, oꝛ foꝛ any dette that shall be due to the kynges, hyghnes by occasion of the pꝛemisses oꝛ any part therof: oꝛ foꝛ any sommes of money, whiche the sayde tresorier shall haue power to receyue to the kynges vse by reason of his office: and all other acquitaunces made by any of the sayde particuler recepuours to any what so euer person foꝛ the recepte of any thyng touching the pꝛemisses appoynted to his oꝛ theyꝛ charge, shall be a good and effectuell discharge foꝛ euery of the sayde particuler recepuours and other what so euer personnes aforesayde, agaynst the kynges hyghnes his heires and successours foꝛ euer.

¶ Also it is ordeyned, that the sayde treasurer shall yerely accompte befoꝛe the sayde Chauncellour and suche two oꝛ mo of the sayde auditours, as the sayde Chauncellour shall appoynte. And that euery of the sayde particuler recepuours shall yerely accompte befoꝛe one of the sayde tenne auditours to be assigned to hym by the sayde chauncellour. And that euery of the sayd particuler recepuours foꝛ the yere to be ended at the feast of saint Michael tharchangel, shall make & finishe his accompt befoꝛe the. xx. day of March nexte after the same feast ensewing. And that the sayde treasurer shall yerely finishe his accompte befoꝛe the last day of April nexte after that folowynge.

¶ Also it is enacted by auctoritie aforesayd, that the sayd chancellor by the consent of the sayde treasurer attourney and Solicitor, oꝛ two of them shall deuyde to euery particuler recepuour suche poꝛtion as euery of them shall receyue of the sayd religious houses manours landes tenementes and a other hereditamentes aforesayde, and shall also pꝛopozition the sayd religious houses & other the pꝛemisses in ten partes: & shall assigne to euery part therof one of the sayd ten auditours. And that euery of the sayd ten auditours, as they shall be assigned, shall yerely ride to the part to him to be limited betwene the fest of saint Michel tharchangel & Christmas, and take the accomptes of all bailiffes reues fermers tenants and occupiers of the manours landes tenementes and other hereditamentes within the lymittes of his assygnement.

¶ Also it is enacted by auctoritie aforesayd, that the said auditours & particuler recepuours at al tymes, vpon warnynge gyuen to the by the sayd chancellor, shall assemble to gether, as well foꝛ the orderynge of the said religious houses manours landes tenementes and other the pꝛemisses, as of the tenaunces of the same from tyme to tyme as the case shall require, as foꝛ the hiewynge and determination of the sayde accomptes to be made therof.

¶ Also it is ordeyned by auctoritie aforesayde, that all the accomptes of euery yere, to be ended at the feast of saynte Michel tharchangel, as well of the sayde particuler recepuours baylyffes reues fermers tenants and occupiers of the sayde houses manours landes tenementes and other hereditamentes aforesayde, as of the sayd tresorier shall be wel & perfectly ingrossed in parchemente by the sayd auditours, and deliuered to the said chancellor, safelye to be kepte to the kynges vse euery yere yerely befoꝛe the fyfthe daye of Maye nexte ensewing the said feast of saint Michel tharchangel, vpon

þpon peyne to forſayte and loſe their offices.

**A**lſo it is enacted by the auctozite afozſaid, that the auditours & other of-  
fycers & miniſters of the ſayd courte, for the tyme being, ſhal yerely perceiue  
and take by the handes of the ſayd Treſozer, particular recepuours, and al  
other officers and miniſters accomptant, al and ſyngular ſuche lyke diettes  
rewardes pzoſites and commodities, as well for their attendance þpon the  
ſayde chauncellour for the tyme beinge, and for makynge of bokeſ declara-  
tions and values, as for other matters and cauſes of for oꝝ concernynge the  
ſayde courte: and alſo for therpences coſtes and charges of the ſayde audy-  
tours and particular recepuours, and euery of them, yerely ridynge their ſe-  
uerall circuittes and lymittations, in as large and ample maner and foꝛme,  
as the kynges auditours of his duchie of Lancaſter and other officers and  
miniſters there, do yerely perceiue receiue take and be allowed in for and a-  
bout any ſuche lyke matters cauſes and buſines. And that the ſayde audi-  
tours for the tyme beinge and euery of them, ſhall haue power and auctoziti-  
tie to allowe the ſame.

**A**lſo it is ordeyned by auctozitie afozſayd, that al reparations and buil-  
dynges, which ſhalbe done from tyme to tyme in oꝝ þpon any the pzemiſſes,  
ſhalbe done and made by the ozder and commaundement of the ſayd chaun-  
cellour, by the conſent of the ſayd Treſozer attourney and Sollicitour oꝝ two  
of them. And that the ſayd Treſozer from tyme to tyme þpon his accompt  
ſhalbe allowed, as well of ſuche fee as ſhalbe limited vnto him for exerciſe  
of his office, as of and for all ſuche ſummes of money as he ſhall pay to any  
patentee oꝝ patentees of any office fee oꝝ annuite, that ſhalbe granted oꝝ gi-  
uen vnder the ſeale of the ſayd courte: And alſo of al ſuch ſommes of money  
as he ſhall pay to any other perſon oꝝ perſons by vertue of the kynges warrant  
oꝝ byll assigned: And alſo ſuche ſummes of money, as he ſhalbe commaun-  
ded to pay by any byll assigned and ſubſcribed with the handes of the ſayde  
chauncellour attourney and Solycitour oꝝ two of them, þpon ſuch conſide-  
rations, as ſhall be thought conuenient by theyr diſcretions. And that the  
ſaide auditours, takynge the accomptes of the ſayd Treſourer, oꝝ of any  
of the ſayd particular recepuours, ſhall haue power and auctozitie to allow  
to the Treſourer the pzemiſſes and euery part therof, and alſo to allowe to  
euery particular receiueur and other accomptantes, as wel their fees & wa-  
ges, and al other ſuch ſummes of money, as they oꝝ any of them ſhal pay for in  
and about any buyldinges oꝝ reparations, as al other honeſt and reſonable  
petitions and allowaunces, in as large and ample maner, and after ſuche  
foꝛme faſion and condition, as the kynges auditours of his duchie of Lan-  
caſter do may do and haue be accuſtomed to do without any byll oꝝ warrant  
to be ſued for the ſame.

**A**lſo it is enacted by auctozitie afozſayde, that all maner of pzoces that  
ſhalbe made out of the kynges eſchequer to oꝝ agaynſt any perſon oꝝ perſons  
for any fermes rentes iſſues oꝝ pzoſittes, concernynge the pzemiſſes oꝝ any  
part therof, limited by this act to be in the ſurety oꝝder & gouernance of the  
ſayde



sayde court and the ministers therof, shalbe clerely boyd and of none effecte.  
**A**lso it is ordeyned and enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that the said Chancellour & tresorier shal perely declare to the kynges highnes the state of the clere perely value of the sayd houses, manours, landes, tenementes, rentes, pencions, portions, tithes, and other hereditamentes, and howe where and to whome they be employed, and what remayneth therof in the handes of the sayde Tresourer.

**P**rovided alwey and be it enacted by thaurtoritie aforesayde, that al such manours mesuages landes tenementes rentes reuerfions and other hereditamentes, whiche in any maner wise shal come to or be in the handes or possession of our sayd souerayne lord the kyng, his heires or successours by auctoritie of the sayd former acte of parlamente, set lyenge and beinge as well within the countie palantine of Lancaster, as all other manours landes tenementes rentes reuerfions and hereditamentes, with theyr comodities & appurtenances, set lyeng and being within this realme of England, wales, or eyther of them, out of the sayde countie palantine, whiche be or were apperteynyng or belongyng vnto the said monasteries or any of them, whiche were of the foundation of oure sayde souerayne lord, or of any of his right noble progenitours, as duke or dukes of Lancaster, maye at the free wyll lybertie and pleasure of our sayde souerayne lord be assigned lympted and appoynted vnto the order surueynge receyte lettynge and setting of the Chauncellour and officers of his said Duchy of Lancaster, in as large and ample maner and fourme, as the said chauncellour and officers of the said duchie haue vse and exercise at this present tyme of or vppon and in any manours, landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, apperteynyng or in any wise belongyng vnto the sayd duchie: This acte or any thyng therein contel ned to the contrary not withstandinge.

GOD SAVE THE  
 KYNGE.



